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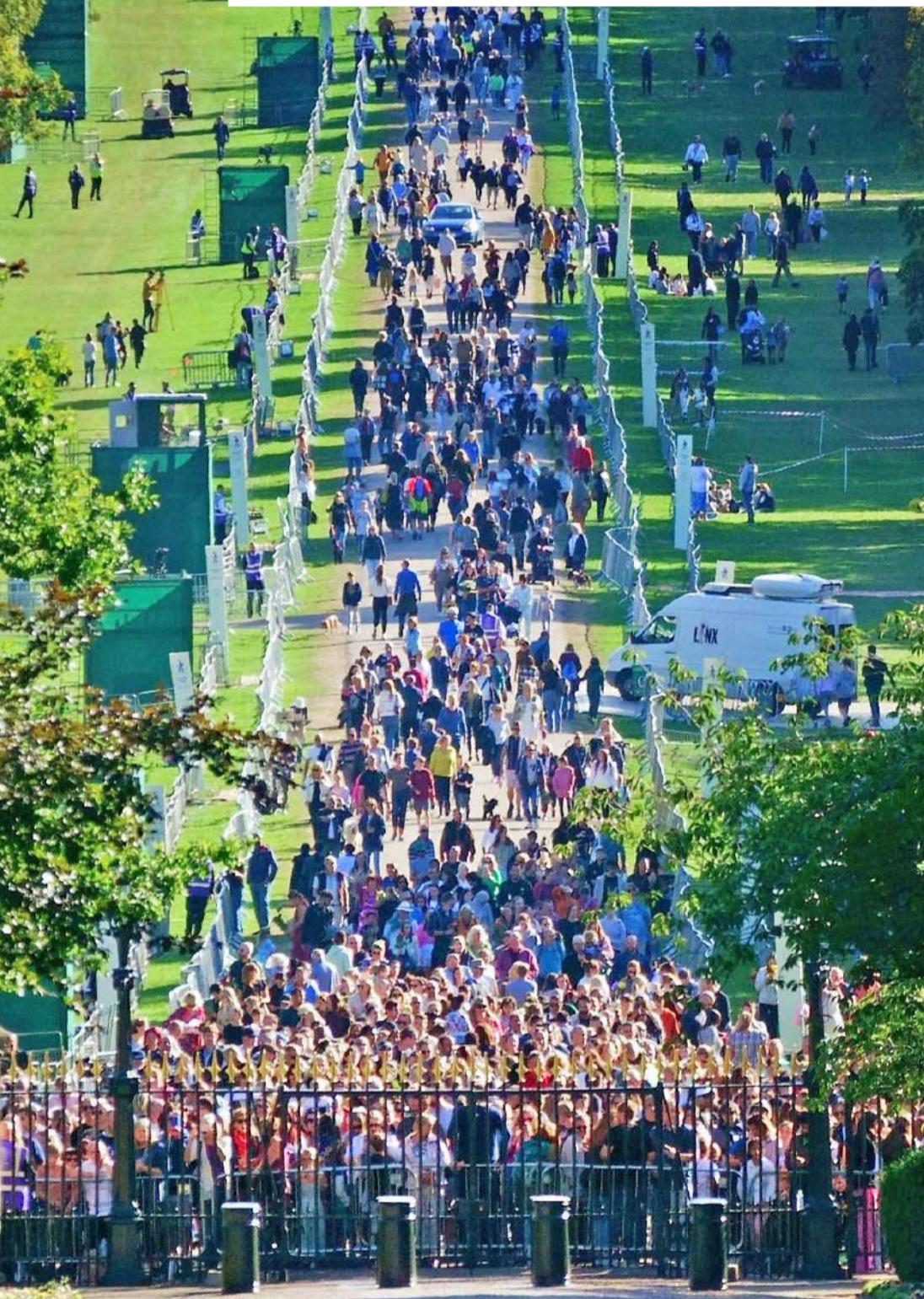
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## MONARCHY

# Millions fall silent as world bids its

Heads of state join the nation in saying goodbye in a service to Her Majesty, which she decreed should not be 'long and boring'. By **Cahal Milmo**

**M**illions of people across the nation observed a minute's silence last night to mark the final hours before Britain bids farewell to Queen Elizabeth II.

The culmination of 10 days of national mourning will today see the most widely viewed state funeral in history and what is likely to be one of the most-watched events of all time, with a global television audience of billions. About 500 world leaders and dignitaries will be among 2,000 mourners led by the King and senior royals.

It was announced last night that Prince George, the future king, and his sister Princess Charlotte, will attend their great-grandmother's funeral alongside their parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The event is expected to bring up to one million people on to the streets of central London as a funeral procession, in which the Queen's coffin will be drawn on a gun carriage by 142 Royal Navy ratings, makes its way at 10.44am from Westminster Hall to the adjoining abbey.

After the funeral service, the

cortege – with the King, his siblings and his children following on foot – will make its way from 12.15pm onwards through Westminster and along The Mall past Buckingham Palace to the Wellington Arch, where the coffin will be transferred to the State Hearse for its journey to a burial service in Windsor.

Last night's national moment of reflection at 8pm was supposed to begin and end with the tolling of Big Ben. But the bell in the Elizabeth Tower of the Palace of Westminster also stayed silent.

Parliamentary authorities said they were investigating the problem as a matter of "urgency", but expressed confidence that it would be remedied before the funeral procession today.

Big Ben will be called upon again as a timekeeper to the solemnity, sounding once a minute while the procession charts its route.

The King, who has travelled nearly 2,000 miles since his mother's death on a tour of the home nations, and who hosted a reception at Buckingham Palace last night for visiting world leaders and dignitaries, said he was "moved beyond measure" by the

condolences offered to his family. He said ahead of the service: "As we all prepare to say our last farewell, I wanted simply to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those countless people who have been such a support and comfort to my family and myself in this time of grief."

The King's message of gratitude came as a previously unseen portrait of the Queen smiling with joy was released by Buckingham Palace on the eve of her funeral.

The photograph, taken in May ahead of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, shows the monarch beaming brightly at the camera in Windsor Castle.

The holding of the minute's silence – which was observed inside homes, on doorsteps and at formal events from Luton to Blackpool, where the famous tower illuminations were switched off – came as the final mourners joined the queue to file past the Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall.

After reaching a peak over the weekend of more than 24 hours, the waiting time yesterday reduced to about 10 hours of incremental movement between Southwark Park and Westminster Hall.

Among those paying their respects yesterday were the French President, Emmanuel Macron, and the US President, Joe Biden, who arrived in the 900-year-old building with his wife, Jill, to view the catafalque at about 5pm.

About 250 extra rail services will run in and out of London throughout the day to cope with the expected demand, with figures from Trainline showing demand for services into London was 56 per cent above normal levels last night.

Transport for London services were 9 per cent busier than normal over the weekend as visitors arrived ahead of the funeral, reaching 5.3 million passengers on Saturday.

London hotels have also reported a surge in demand, with the price of an average room about 40 per cent higher than the corresponding weekend last year.

The funeral will involve 10,000 police officers patrolling the streets of central London in the largest security operation in Scotland Yard's history.

The final preparations came as a hint of how the late monarch's personality will run through the proceedings was revealed.

The former Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, who had for many years played a role in the planning of the service, said the Queen herself had stipulated that it should not be "boring".

He added: "You're not going to find boredom... the hearts and people's cockles will be warmed."

## TRIBUTE



The Queen Consort said Elizabeth chose the designation for her BBC

## Camilla: the Queen carved out her role in a man's world

By **Conrad Smith**

Camilla, the Queen Consort, recalled Elizabeth II's "wonderful blue eyes" and her "unforgettable smile" in a personal tribute.

In an interview with the BBC, Camilla also said that the Queen had "carved out her own role" after she came to the throne, adding that she "has been part of our lives for ever".

"I'm 75 now and I can't remember anybody except the Queen being there," Camilla said.

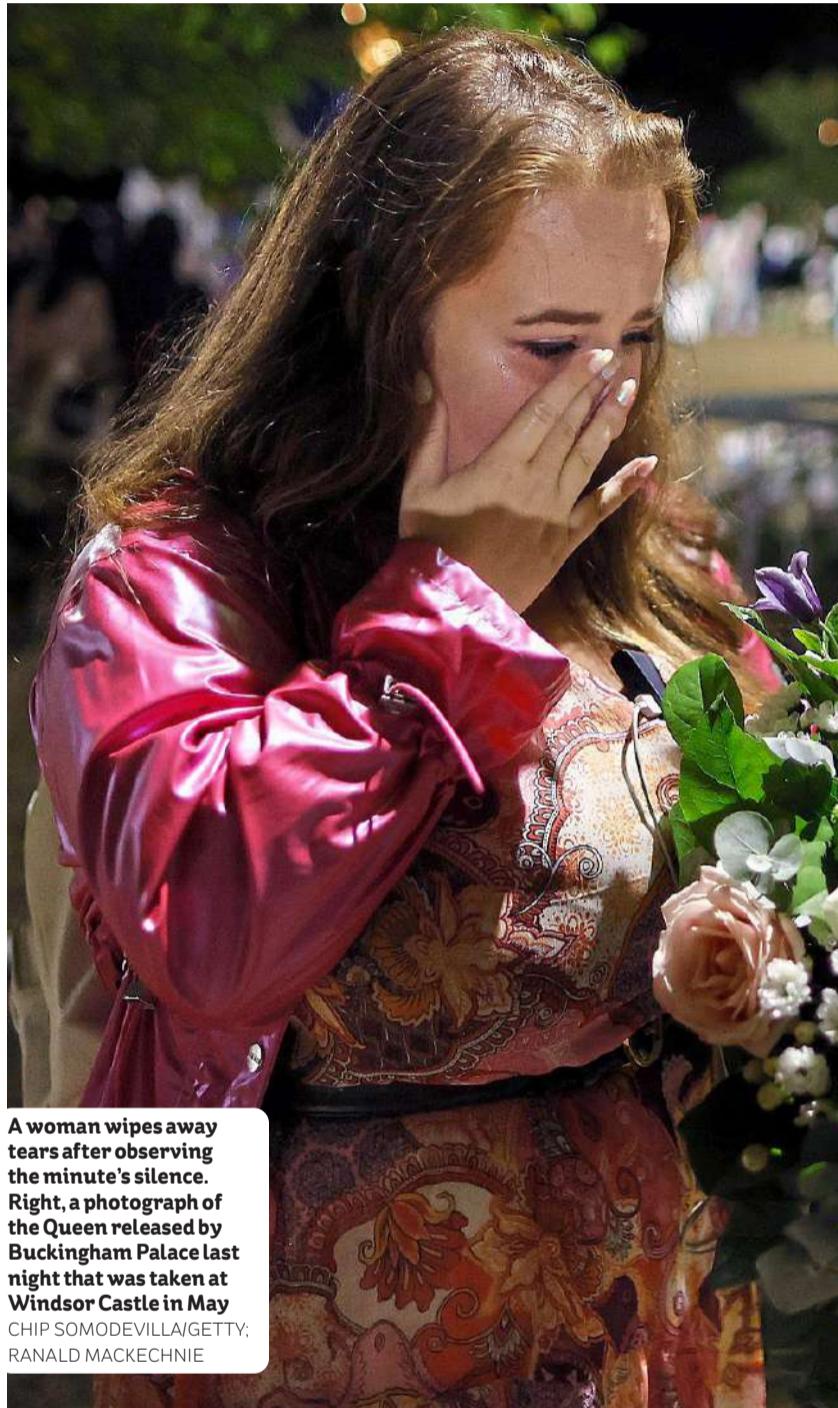
The tribute was part of a BBC special broadcast ahead of the national minute's silence at 8pm.

The Queen Consort told how her mother-in-law had been in the "difficult position" of being a "solitary woman" in a male-dominated world.

"There weren't women prime ministers or presidents. She was the only one so I think she carved her own role."

Camilla added: "She's got those wonderful blue eyes, that when she smiles they light up her whole face."

Ahead of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the monarch said it was her "sincere wish" that the then Duchess of Cornwall would be known as Queen Consort when Charles became King.



A woman wipes away tears after observing the minute's silence. Right, a photograph of the Queen released by Buckingham Palace last night that was taken at Windsor Castle in May

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## DIPLOMACY

## Charles welcomes foreign dignitaries to Palace reception

By **Brendan McFadden**

King Charles hosted more than 500 heads of state, dignitaries and their spouses at a VIP reception at Buckingham Palace last night.

Presidents, prime ministers and kings and queens from all over the world, including US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, came together before saying farewell to the Queen today.

The couple arrived in the presidential car known as "The Beast" in

the middle of a convoy of vehicles at the back of the Palace.

Senior royals, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, joined King Charles and the Queen Consort in mingling with guests such as the French President, Emmanuel Macron, and New Zealand's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern.

Dozens of leaders of Commonwealth countries, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and European royal family members

# farewell to Queen Elizabeth



attended the event, including the King of Spain, Felipe VI, and his wife, Queen Letizia.

Also in attendance was the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, who earlier in the day had a reception at the Palace with the King, and held talks with world leaders at Downing Street, where they offered condolences over the Queen's death.

Guests enjoyed drinks and canapés at the reception, which took place across the picture gallery, white drawing room, blue drawing room and music room.

Many guests, who will be attending the monarch's funeral today, were seen arriving dressed in black, while some donned traditional attire.

At least 10 coaches arrived filled with guests, who solemnly walked into the Palace.

King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, Queen Mar-

grethe II of Denmark, and Ireland's President, Michael D Higgins, were among those arriving on coaches.

King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan arrived in their own vehicle at the grand entrance to the Palace and were followed by their son, Hussein, Crown Prince of Jordan, who also took his own vehicle.

Moments later, the Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, arrived.

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Crown Prince of Bahrain, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, also joined the guests, and the Crown Prince of Kuwait, Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, soon followed.

The Sultan of Oman was also seen arriving at the Palace, while the ruler of Dubai, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, followed shortly afterwards.

Earlier in the afternoon before guests arrived, crowds were cleared from outside the gates.

## ROYAL FAMILY

### Andrew pays personal tribute

By Nick Duffy

The Duke of York paid a personal tribute to the Queen yesterday, saying he would "treasure forever" his mother's "love for a son".

Prince Andrew, who stepped down from public life last year amid questions over his friendship with the paedophile Jeffrey Epstein, became the latest member of the Royal Family to issue his own tribute to the late monarch.

He said: "Dear Mummy, Mother, Your Majesty, three in one.

"Your Majesty, it has been an honour and privilege to serve you.

"Mother – of the nation, your de-

votion and personal service to our nation is unique and singular; your people show their love and respect in so many different ways and I know you are looking on honouring their respect.

"Mummy, your love for a son, your compassion, your care, your confidence I will treasure forever. I have found your knowledge and wisdom infinite, with no boundary or containment. I will miss your insights, advice and humour."

He finished the statement: "God save the King."

Andrew accompanied his words with a photo of his mother holding him as a newborn in March 1960.



Letter from  
the Editor  
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## A life to celebrate

After 11 days of pageantry, mourning and reflection, Britain and the world bid farewell to Elizabeth II.

Today's state funeral, and the Queen's final journey from Westminster Abbey to Windsor, are a chance for millions of people to give thanks for her life of service and duty. The global television audience is expected to be billions: it could be the largest ever for a live broadcast. Plenty will watch in gratitude and respect, others with curiosity.

So ends the second Elizabethan age, an especially turbulent period of human history characterised by rapid technological innovation and social change.

The Queen's reach and longevity accorded her and the UK soft power that has smoothed Britain's path from empire to becoming an influential, second-tier state. The guest list of dignitaries for this morning's service at Westminster Abbey is testament to her impact overseas. Her leadership qualities transcended these islands.

The decline of deference, as well as the unusual circumstances in which she came to power so young and lived for so long, mean that we are unlikely to see another monarch with such stature. One of a kind, truly.

The third Carolean era begins. Charles III arrives on the throne with his own passions and quirks, substantial goodwill and the benefits of a long apprenticeship. Republican sentiment remains a minority view in the UK, polls show. The new King will – like other national leaders – need to grapple with public anger and anxiety about living costs. Britain's monarchy will be smaller, cheaper and potentially trickier, politically.

Charles will face existential questions about the Union in Scotland and Northern Ireland, amid pressure for a second vote on Scottish independence and for Irish reunification.

A broad, the future for Britain's monarchy is unclear. Some of the 14 other nations where the Queen was head of state will reassess their relationship with the Crown. Charles III's challenge will be to subtly evolve an ancient institution, imbuing his slimmed-down team with 21st-century purpose.

Today, such debates can wait. The crowded roadsides along Elizabeth II's last journey to Windsor will be without precedent, lingering in the national consciousness for generations. The Queen was imperfect, of course, but her devotion to country and Commonwealth, her judgement, tact and endurance, and her pragmatic understanding of the limitations of her role leave Britain better placed to face the future. Hers is a life deserving celebration and thanks.

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## PEOPLE

# Biden pays tribute to Queen after visiting Westminster Hall

By Victoria Craw

Joe Biden paid tribute to the "decent and honourable" Queen as he travelled to Westminster Hall for her lying-in-state.

The US President and First Lady, Jill Biden, were among several world leaders – including those from Spain, Sweden, Brazil, Canada and India – to view the coffin in Westminster Hall ahead of her funeral today.

Mr Biden and his wife arrived in the heavily armoured presidential car at around 5pm yesterday and waved at crowds on the way.

He was seen crossing himself and placing his hand on his heart before quietly speaking a few words to his wife.

He later signed a book of condolences at Lancaster House, and said that the Queen communicated dig-

nity and a notion of service during her lifetime.

"She was the same in person as her image: decent, honourable and all about service," he said. "Our hearts go out to the Royal Family."

The Queen's body has been lying in state at Westminster Hall since Wednesday, and people from all walks of life and from around the world have been filing past in a constant, emotional stream, many queuing overnight.

Mr Biden previously said of the late monarch following news of her death: "Her legacy will loom large in the pages of British history, and in the story of our world."

Ukraine's First Lady, Olena Zelenska, also visited the hall alongside the country's ambassador to London, Vadym Prystaiko.

They stood on the platform of

the east wall for a few minutes in silence. France's President Emmanuel Macron and First Lady Brigitte Macron were seen walking through London hand-in-hand on the way to Westminster Hall.

Brazil's President, Jair Bolsonaro, and his wife Michelle Bolsonaro also visited the hall yesterday to pay their respects.

Dignitaries from Trinidad and Tobago, as well as India's President, Droupadi Murmu, Spain's King Felipe VI and Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf were also seen visiting the Queen's coffin.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, appeared with his wife, Sophie, to pay his respects over the weekend, while New Zealand's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, visited on Friday.

Australia's Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, said: "Walking through Westminster Hall for the lying-in-state was an incredibly moving experience."

"Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II meant so much to so many. The raw emotion of those attending to pay their respects made this moment one I will never forget."

Those who had been queuing outside for hours continued to file past alongside the world leaders nearby.

"Everybody's there for one person, to mark what she's done for people and whatever way they felt she touched them or their country," said Darren Luckhurst, a head teacher who had come to pay his respects.

Ms Ardern said that the "sheer silence" was one of the things that made the laying-in-state so moving, adding she was beside the coffin with people who had queued for 20 hours.

"The Queen was here for her people and now her people are there for her," she told the BBC yesterday.



Clockwise from main: President Joe Biden speaks as his wife, Jill, looks on; the Princess of Wales (left) with the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska; Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte arrive to pay their respects



## DIPLOMACY

## Speaker denies being 'leant on' over China

By Jane Merrick

POLICY EDITOR

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, denied that he had been "leant on" to allow representatives of the Chinese government to attend the Queen's lying-in-state.

The former Conservative leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith accused the Government of "appeasing" Beijing by allowing its leaders to visit Westminster Hall to pay their respects, despite several MPs and peers facing travel bans by the Chinese state.

Sir Iain claimed that Sir Lindsay had been "leant on" by officials in order to avoid a diplomatic incident.

On Friday, the House of Commons announced that, in line with official protocol, all representatives of countries invited to the state funeral would also be permitted to attend the lying-in-state.

This confirmed that the Chinese Vice-President, Wang Qishan, would be allowed into Westminster Hall. However, China's ambassador to London, Zheng Zeguang, remains banned from Parliament.

Sir Lindsay said "no one has been leaning on me at all" and insisted that politics should not "overshadow" the moment of national grief.

A Foreign Office source denied that the Government had put pressure on the Speaker.

## PEOPLE

## Truss welcomes world leaders to No 10

By Chloe Chaplain

Liz Truss had an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday before holding talks with Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and the Polish President, Andrzej Duda, at Downing Street.

A planned meeting between Ms Truss and US President Joe Biden was cancelled, with the two leaders instead due to attend a "full bilateral meeting" at the UN on Wednesday.

She also met the Irish Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, and had what were described as "warm" talks despite tensions over the Northern Ireland Protocol. Mr Martin said they had the opportunity to "reset relation-



King Charles receives Liz Truss at Buckingham Palace yesterday

ships" amid the post-Brexit stand-off over trade arrangements and "overcome current obstacles".

Speaking on BBC Radio 4, Mr

Martin declined to say what was said about the protocol, which Ms Truss's government intends to rip up amid trade disruption between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

He said: "I don't think this is the time, if you don't mind me saying so, to get into the detail about issues like the protocol. But I do think the opportunity is there for us to reset relationships and to be conscious of what we achieved in previous years, the obstacles that were overcome then."

"That gives us the strength to know that we have the capacity to overcome current obstacles, current issues that potentially could impede the relationship, and I believe we can overcome them."

## PEOPLE

# Mourners rush to join the queue before time runs out

By Ellen O'Dwyer and David Parsley

The queue to view the Queen's lying-in-state was set to close to the public late last night.

Said to be the longest queue in British history, the mammoth line had stretched along the River Thames from Westminster Hall in central London to Southwark Park, several miles to the east.

Hundreds of thousands of people spent up to 24 hours waiting in the queue for their chance to pay respects to the late monarch, who since 5pm on Wednesday had been lying-in-state in Westminster Hall.

A last-minute dash to join the queue ensued yesterday. At 9.30pm the queue end point was near London Bridge, with officials warning that entry would close when it had reached final capacity.

People joining the queue at Southwark Park in its last hours yesterday afternoon were taking no chances, some even running to make sure they made it before the cut-off.

Friends Salma Sulemanji and Moe Daley from London, were having coffee when they decided on a whim to visit the queue yesterday.

"We felt as though we were cowards and we should at least try, and we looked at each other and said, 'Shall we?' And that's why we are here," Ms Daley said, before adding: "We've got our wine bottles in here."

For Gemma Dixon, who had travelled from Newcastle, yesterday had been the only day that the nine people in her family could come together to pay their respects to the Queen, with some coming from Northern Ireland.

"I've got coats, tights, power-banks, hand sanitiser and toilet roll too," Ms Dixon said.

It was Philomena Groome's sec-



People queuing at Southwark Park yesterday, taking the opportunity to join the line before it closed so they could pay their respects PHIL NOBLE/REUTERS

ond time in the queue after having to drop out after seven hours on Friday to take her son to university.

"I was on the M25 listening to the radio going, 'In the next couple of hours don't leave home, they're considering closing the park.' But I thought, 'No, I've got to do it,'" said

**More than 100 people have been taken to hospital** after becoming unwell while queuing for the Queen's lying-in-state. The London Ambulance Service said that most incidents had been people fainting or collapsing, resulting in head injuries.

Ms Groome, who is from Kingston Upon Thames, south-west London, .

Also waiting to pay tribute was Anzhelika, from Kherson in Ukraine. She was with her friend and fellow University of Cambridge student Alexandra, from Moscow.

"I am Russian," she says. "But I know the truth about the war, and I do not support Putin. I am here because many Russians admire your Queen."

Angie, from Chilliwack in eastern Canada, knew that she had to come as soon as heard the news of the Queen's death.

"I bought the first ticket to London I could get and now I'm here, soaking up this amazing moment."

## CHARITY

## Seized queue food given away

By Rod Minchin

Food confiscated from people in the queue for the Queen's lying-in-state has been donated to charity.

Mourners were not allowed to take food or drink inside the Palace of Westminster and such items were taken away by stewards.

The Felix Project, a charity, said it had received hundreds of kilograms of food, mostly snacks such as crisps, chocolate and biscuits.

The charity will distribute the items to community groups that it works with across London.

It got involved after being told by the Scout Association that a lot of food was being thrown away by those in the queue.

The project also received discarded blankets, which will be given to homeless charities as well as to organisations providing aid to Ukraine.

## SOCIETY

## Royal watchers bag best spots to view procession

By David Parsley

Royal watchers from the UK and around the world have camped for days to bag spots near Buckingham Palace ahead of the Queen's funeral.

By lunchtime yesterday, the best overnight camping spots near the palace were gone, and people were last night bedding down along The Mall, between the Palace and Admiralty Arch, and around the corner on Horse Guards Road.

Jill arrived from Chester with her husband, Mark, at 8pm on Saturday and were fully kitted out with chairs, tables and inflatable beds for their tent. She also had enough tea and cake to feed most of the other early arrivals around them.

"We were not going to miss this," said Jill, who had bagged a spot towards the Horse Guards end of The



Campers pitched on the pavement of The Mall and Horse Guards Road

Mall. "The Queen meant everything to this country and lots of people around the world and we want to be here and see this unique moment in history. We just had to pay our respects to a great woman."

Beth and Marsha flew in from San Diego, California, on Thursday and set up their pitch at 6am yesterday.

"As soon as we had heard she had left us, we arranged our flights and hotel in London," said Beth.

"We love the Queen and all your Royal Family. We thought that if the world was going to be here, then we had to be as well."





## CONSUMER

Stores confirm bank holiday opening hours

By Henry Saker-Clark

Supermarkets, fashion stores and cinemas will be among the companies closed today because of the Queen's funeral.

Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Lidl and Aldi are among those shutting their stores for the day.

Tesco said it would open its Express shops from 5pm, while a small number of convenience stores in central London and Windsor will remain open.

Other retailers including Sainsbury's also said their convenience stores and petrol stations would open from 5pm. Asda will shut for the funeral but all of its supermarkets will open from 5pm, with colleagues working on Monday evening to receive double pay.

Other high street retailers, such as Marks & Spencer and Primark, and cinema chains such as Cineworld and Odeon will also be closed.

The pubs operator Stonegate said it will open today and plans to show the Queen's funeral on screens. The Premier Inn owner Whitbread also said it would keep its hotels and restaurants open as usual.

JD Wetherspoon said that its pubs in central London and at railway stations and airports would open from 8am, while the majority of its branches will only open from about 1pm, after the funeral is over.

## TRANSPORT

## Rail and roads are readied for London visitors

By Neil Lancefield

One of the UK's biggest transport operations will take place today as mourners descend on London.

Transport for London (TfL) is preparing for about one million more people to visit the capital.

About 250 extra rail services will run – including some overnight trains – and National Highways has suspended planned motorway closures across England.

There are fears the transport network will be overwhelmed this afternoon. Mourners are urged to delay their return journeys and check for travel updates.

Andy Byford, commissioner for TfL, said the capital has seen "huge numbers of additional passengers" since the Queen died, but demand will "reach a climax" today.

Network Rail postponed engineering work and is keeping London stations open overnight to give shelter to mourners struggling to get home.

All-night trains are only serving limited destinations, while stationary trains will be used as waiting areas in the early hours of the morning for people waiting to catch a train home. Priority will be given to elderly and vulnerable mourners.

## BROADCASTING

# Worldwide audience of up to four billion set to tune in

By Cahal Milmo and Leo Cendrowicz

A potentially record-breaking global television audience of billions is expected to witness the Queen's funeral today as Britain hosts what is set to be one of the most widely viewed events in history.

Images from Westminster Abbey will be beamed around the world with dozens of broadcasters from New Zealand to New Delhi planning live coverage.

In Britain, the television audience could well exceed the 32.3 million people who watched the 1966 World Cup final, the most watched event in UK history.

The result is an organisational and technical Gordian knot that has been decades in the planning but will still present massive challenges, in particular to police and the transport network.

Scotland Yard said 20,000 officers have been deployed in London since the Queen's death, describing the security operation, which includes the safeguarding of VIPs from US President Joe Biden to King Philippe of Belgium, as the single largest operation in its history.

Among the sternest logistical challenges will be that of ensuring that a watching world can indeed watch.

Media experts have predicted that the global audience for the funeral is likely to far exceed the two billion who watched *Live Aid* in 1985 and could head towards four billion – half the global population – once digital streams on platforms such as YouTube and Twitter are added.

The bulk of the footage will be provided on a pooled basis by Britain's three main news broadcasters – the BBC, ITN and Sky News. The BBC alone has more than 200 cameras recording the event, providing footage via 14 outside broadcast lorries.

Palace aides have made it clear that they would like to see images of the funeral reach "as far and wide" as possible. Industry representatives agree that the global appetite for the spectacle of Britain at the pinnacle of its ceremonial solemnity will be vast.

Gregoire Polad, director general of the Association of Commercial Television in Europe, said: "The funeral transcends boundaries. It is a momentous occasion – there are no two ways about it. We can expect immense coverage and huge audiences.

And it is non-political: it is completely dissociated with how people think of the UK."

The funeral of Elizabeth II is already being compared to other momentous broadcast moments, among them the funerals of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965 and Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997, as well as those of international figures such as Nelson Mandela in 2013 and Indira Gandhi in 1984.

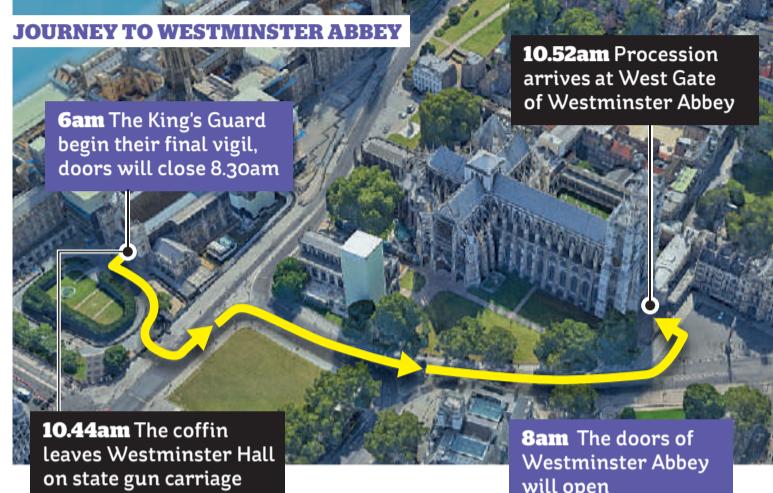
It is a measure of the present-day ubiquity of live televised images that the Moon landings in 1969 – arguably the world's most captivating mass-audience event – was seen by a comparatively modest audience of 652 million.

Among the countries where live footage will be offered, despite a time difference which means the 11am funeral will be happening at 8pm in Australia and 3am in California, are the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, France, Germany and India.

But a real measure of the coverage will be the other ways people will see it, at later moments and online.

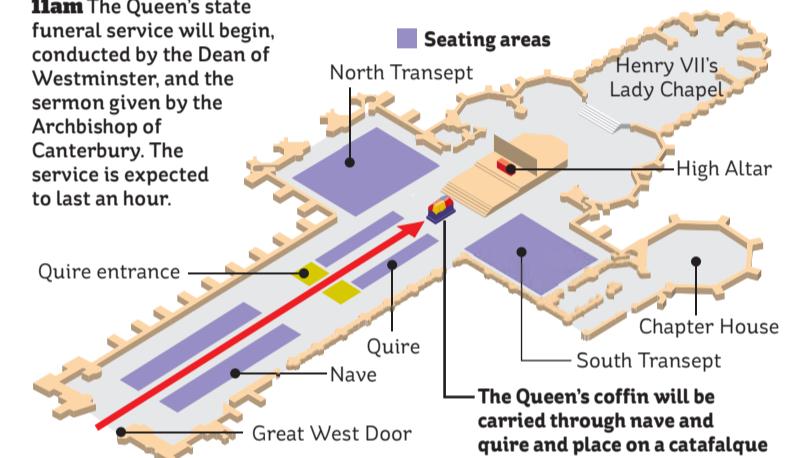
Dan Morrison, an adjunct professor of political communications at

## The Queen's final journey



### WESTMINSTER ABBEY

11am The Queen's state funeral service will begin, conducted by the Dean of Westminster, and the sermon given by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service is expected to last an hour.



11.55am the nation will observe a two-minute silence following The Last Post. The funeral ends at 12pm.

Loyola University, Chicago, said: "TV is now joined by Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, YouTube and an array of platforms. We can assume most of the world will see the Queen's funeral... but not necessarily live."

Stuart Cundy, a deputy assistant commissioner with the Metropolitan Police, who is in charge of

policing today, said that he was overseeing a "hugely complex" operation, drawing on officers from across the country.

He added: "The range of officers, police staff and all those supporting the operation is truly immense."

Ian Burrell, page 45

## Last respects How to watch the Queen's funeral

Eight viewing areas have been set up in London to allow members of the public to watch the funeral procession in person. This includes six "ceremonial viewing areas" from which people can watch the procession from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch. The locations of these areas are:

- 1 Whitehall (East), Parliament Street (East) and Bridge Street
- 2 Whitehall (West), Parliament Street (West) and Great George Street
- 3 Horse Guards Parade ground
- 4 Green Park side of the Mall (accessible viewing places available)
- 5 St James's Park side of the Mall and Horse Guards Road (accessible viewing places available)
- 6 Constitution Hill

Two other viewing areas have been installed from which people will be able to view the State Hearse as it begins its journey to Windsor, alongside **South Carriage Drive at Hyde Park** and near the **Albert Memorial at Kensington Gardens**. Big screens have been



installed at **Hyde Park**, which will be switched on at 9am.

Viewing areas have been set up in **Windsor** along the Long Walk, which can be entered via King's Road or Albert Road.

Big screens have been erected across the UK. The locations of these include:

**Edinburgh:** Holyrood Park

**Newcastle:** Old Eldon Square

**Birmingham:** Centenary Square

**Manchester:** Cathedral Gardens and Exchange Square

**Leeds:** Millennium Square

**Hull:** Queen Victoria Square

**Hastings:** Alexandra Park

**Bradford:** Bradford Cathedral

BBC, ITV and Sky will all be broadcasting live throughout the day.

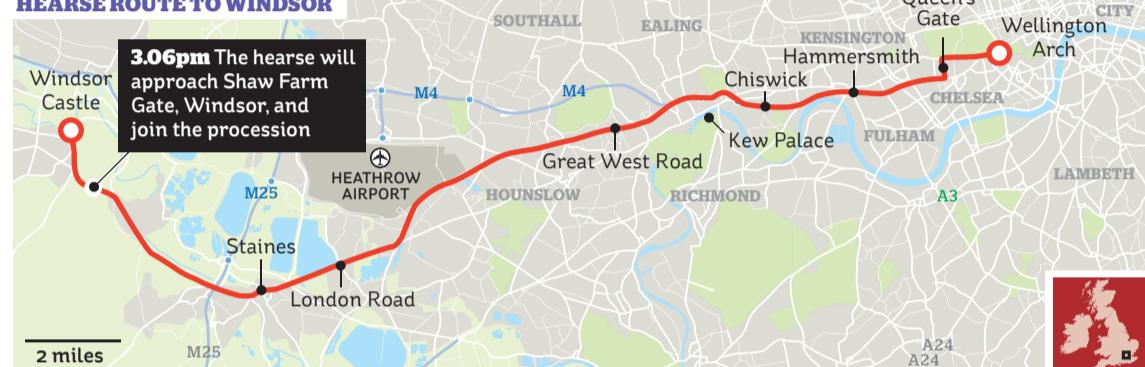
Lucie Heath

**THE PROCESSION**

**12.15pm** The gun carriage sets off in a procession to Wellington Arch. It will be followed by the King and the Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, who will walk behind the coffin.



**1pm** The procession will arrive at Wellington Arch, where the coffin will be placed in the State Hearse and driven to Windsor Castle.

**HEARSE ROUTE TO WINDSOR**

**3.06pm** The hearse will approach Shaw Farm Gate, Windsor, and join the procession

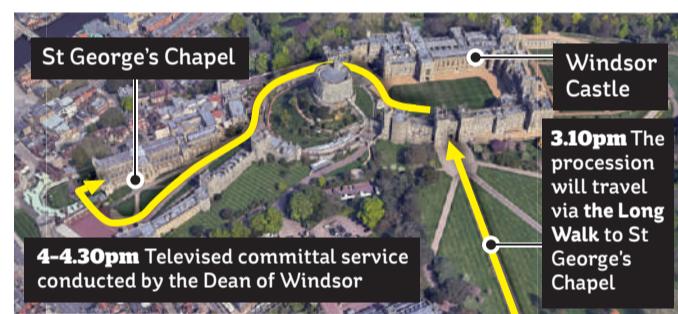
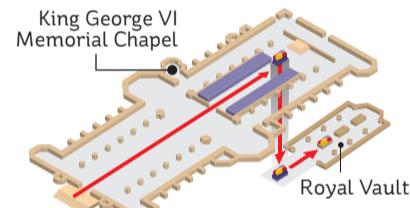
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**4-4.30pm** Televised committal service conducted by the Dean of Windsor

**INSIDE ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL**

**7.30pm** A private burial service will take place in St George's Chapel and the Queen will be laid to rest with Prince Philip at the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

**NEW ZEALAND**

**The Queen's best advice: 'You just get on with it'**

**By Michael Holden**

New Zealand's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, said the best advice the late Queen Elizabeth II gave her on becoming a leader and a mother was "you just get on with it".

Ms Ardern, in London for the Queen's funeral today, became the first woman in the country's history to give birth while in office, in 2018, and was pregnant when she first met the Queen.

She is one of the few elected leaders to hold office while pregnant. Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto gave birth while she was prime minister in 1990.

Elizabeth, who already had two children when she came to the throne in 1952, aged 25, had two more children during her reign and so had good advice, Ms Ardern said.

"When you think about leaders who have been in that position, there was Benazir Bhutto, there was myself. But before that, there was the Queen. There were so few to look to," Ms Ardern told the BBC's *Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg*.



Jacinda Ardern spoke about the Queen's advice to her on becoming a leader and a mother BBC/PA

**DIPLOMACY****Greek prince suggests return of Elgin marbles**

By Benjamin Butterworth

Pavlos, the Crown Prince of Greece, has suggested that King Charles would want the Elgin marbles to be returned to his country.

The marbles are on display at the British Museum in London.

They are original parts of the Parthenon and other sacred structures built on the Acropolis of Athens.

About half of the surviving sculptures of the Parthenon were exported to Britain by sea between 1801 to 1812 by agents of Thomas Bruce, 7th Earl of Elgin.

Greece has been calling for their repatriation ever since.

The Crown Prince, who is attending the state funeral today on behalf of his father, told *Channel 4 News*: "If the people feel that the Elgin marbles can come back to where they came from in Greece, then we will be very blessed that that will happen."

"I do think that His Majesty will keep quiet because it is not for him to make these decisions. However, I do know that being a person that likes culture and architecture and so forth, I'm sure he will feel that these could be in their rightful place."

**PEOPLE****Everyday heroes join the world's leaders at funeral**

By Patrick Grafton-Green

Everyday heroes and charity leaders will join the Royal Family and world leaders at the Queen's funeral today.

The guest list for the service includes representatives of charities for which the Queen was patron, as people recognised in her latest Birthday Honours list.

Fiona Gardner, who will represent the Women's Royal Army Corps Association (WRAC), said she thought the funeral would be "incredibly emotional and extremely poignant".

The Queen was the first female royal to become a full-time active member of the Armed Forces when she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service in 1945.

Ms Gardner, the association's vice-president, said: "When I retired from the regular Army in 2019 I honestly thought that I wouldn't again be present in history... yet here I am as a representative of these marvellous ladies at the WRAC Association and it is deeply moving."

Dr Jilly Tolfrey, chief executive of the Fire Fighters Charity, said it was "an honour and a privilege" to attend. She said the Queen had a particular affinity with the charity after staying in London during the Blitz and seeing "the impact on the

fire service and the communities of which the firefighters were part".

"She was an embodiment of public service," she added.

Dr Denise Chaffer, president of the Royal College of Nursing, said it was an "absolute honour to take part in such a key moment in history".

A total of 183 charity workers and volunteers, recognised by the Queen in her latest Birthday Honours list, will also be among the congregation. They include a woman who became an anti-knife crime advocate after she survived being stabbed 24 times while pregnant. Mother-of-three Natalie Queiroz, whose unborn child also survived the attack, teaches children about the dangers of knife crime.

"To have the opportunity to attend, thank the Queen in my head for everything she has done, pay my respects and celebrate her life is mind-blowing," Ms Queiroz, from Birmingham, told **i**.

Lifeboat volunteer Guy Addington, who has helped save 18 lives as a member of the RNLI, said: "I feel honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to reflect and say goodbye at this monumental moment in our history." Also among the attendees will be seven Victoria Cross and 10 George Cross medal recipients.

**World leaders Who is on the guest list**

Nearly 500 heads of state and foreign dignitaries from across the world will be among those attending the Queen's funeral.

They include US President Joe Biden and Olena Zelenska, the wife of the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is unable to attend.

There will be a representative from every G7 country, with French



The Chinese delegation (above) views the coffin; other mourners at Westminster included King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain (below) PA



President Emmanuel Macron, Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako of Japan and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also present.

China will be sending its vice-president, Wang Qishan.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is reportedly no longer expected to attend, with Prince Turki bin Mohammed al-Saud set to represent the country instead.

It would have been the Crown Prince's first UK visit since the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a vocal critic of the Saudi regime.

Russia, Belarus and Myanmar have not received invitations. Neither have Afghanistan, Venezuela and Syria, which do not have full diplomatic relations with the UK.

Only ambassadors will be sent from Iran, Nicaragua and North Korea because of strained relations.

In addition to Mr Trudeau, other Commonwealth leaders who will attend include the Australian Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, his New Zealand counterpart, Jacinda Ardern, and the President of India, Droupadi Murmu.

Leaders from Europe's royal families, including Spain's King Felipe and Queen Letizia, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, and Belgium's King Philippe and Queen Mathilde, are also attending.



# Paying their respects



## Petal power

Christian Hartley lays roses yesterday in Hyde Park, where a second garden for floral tributes to the Queen was opened to avoid closure of the first one at nearby Green Park DANNY LAWSON/PA



## Perfumed gardens

Green Park has been transformed into a sea of flowers and other tributes to the late monarch  
TOM NICHOLSON/REUTERS



## Four-legged friend

A police officer poses with a corgi and its owners outside Buckingham Palace. As the dog breed was the Queen's favourite, many owners have visited the Palace to pay their respects ROB PINNEY/GETTY

## Pitch invasion

A dedicated royalist sets up her camp behind barriers in The Mall to ensure that she gets a front-row spot from which to view the funeral procession  
MARCO BERTORELLO/AFP





### Honouring the past

A boy poses next to a portrait of the Queen on the windowsill of a house near Windsor Castle. The Queen will be laid to rest with her late husband, Prince Philip, in the castle's King George VI Memorial Chapel DAVID RAMOS/GETTY



### And still they come...

Thousands of people gather in the September sunshine yesterday to pay their respects near the end of the Long Walk, the 2.64 mile-long avenue which runs from Windsor Great Park to the castle VICTORIA JONES/PA



### A cold night under canvas

Tents are set up yesterday along Horse Guards Road, one of the official viewing areas facing the back of Whitehall  
CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GAMMA LIAISON

### Paws at the cordon, please

At the Long Walk in Windsor, a man and his dog are checked by officers keeping security tight for one of the most complex policing operations the UK has ever seen  
PETER NICHOLLS/REUTERS





## MONARCHY

# George and Charlotte to walk behind coffin of beloved 'Gan Gan'

By Benjamin Butterworth

Prince George and Princess Charlotte will attend the Queen's state funeral with their parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales, it has been confirmed.

The nine-year-old future king and his seven-year-old sister, who is third in line to the throne, will gather with 2,000 mourners in Westminster Abbey to remember their great-grandmother.

The young royals will walk in procession behind the Queen's coffin through the Gothic church.

Their grandfather, King Charles, together with the Queen Consort, will be immediately behind the coffin, followed by the Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, the Duke of York, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, and then the Prince

and Princess of Wales. George and Charlotte, who called the Queen "Gan Gan", will walk together, behind their parents, followed by their uncle and aunt, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, and other members of the Royal Family.

Prince Louis, the four-year-old son of William and Catherine, is not expected to attend.

At the end of the service, following the "Last Post", two minutes' silence, the "Reveille", and the national anthem, the Queen's Piper – Warrant Officer Class 1 (Pipe Major) Paul Burns – will play the traditional lament "Sleep, Dearie, Sleep".

Before the service, the tenor bell will be tolled every minute for 96 minutes, reflecting the years of the Queen's life.

The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Dr David Hoyle, will pre-

side over the service. He will say: "Here, where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned, we gather from across the nation, from the Commonwealth and from the nations of the world, to mourn our loss, to remember her long life of selfless service."

He will speak of the Queen's "unswerving commitment to a high calling over so many years" as a monarch and head of the Commonwealth.

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" will be among the hymns. It was sung at the Queen's wedding to the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947 and at the funeral of her father, King George VI, in 1952.

Other hymns include "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended" and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". The latter has often featured at royal weddings including William and Kate's, and Charles and Camilla's wedding blessing.

Billions of people are expected to watch the funeral of the late Queen, with coverage across the globe, both live on television and online platforms.

Yesterday the former Archbishop of York, Lord Sentamu, who was also supreme governor of the Church of England, said that Queen Elizabeth II had not wanted a "long, boring" service.

"The Queen does not and did not want what you call long, boring services," he told the BBC.

"You're not going to find boredom, but you're going to be lifted to glory as you hear the service."



## THE STATE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

Before the service, the tenor bell at Westminster Abbey will be tolled every minute for 96 minutes, reflecting the years of the Queen's life.

**11AM**  
Televised state funeral begins at Westminster Abbey

**SERVICE TO BE CONDUCTED BY**  
The Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle

**HYMNS TO FEATURE IN THE SERVICE**  
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
"The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended"  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**PRAYERS AND WORDS BY**  
The Reverend Dr Iain Greenshields – Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland  
The Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally  
The Reverend Canon Helen Cameron – Moderator of the Free Churches Group.

**11.55AM**  
The "Last Post" will sound, followed by a nationwide two-minute silence, the "Reveille" and the national anthem. The Queen's Piper, Warrant Officer Class 1 (Pipe Major) Paul Burns, will play the traditional lament "Sleep, Dearie, Sleep".  
The Queen's coffin will be drawn in a walking procession to Wellington Arch and then be moved on to the State Hearse and driven to Windsor for the second procession.

**4PM**  
Televised committal service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, by the Dean of Windsor.

**7.30PM**  
The final private burial service at the King George VI Memorial Chapel, Windsor.

**MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2022**

## Pageantry The role of the Armed Forces in today's processions

Around 6,000 members of the Armed Forces have been involved in the preparations for the Queen's state funeral. Royal Air Force, British Army and Royal Navy personnel are all involved in Operation London Bridge, with 4,000 from across the UK and Commonwealth on duty today.

**Which military units are taking part?**  
British Army units include the Royal Lancers, the 4th Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Scotland, the 1st Battalion, the Scots Guards, 5th Regiment Royal Artillery and the British Army Band Catterick.

Members of the Grenadier Guards, the most senior of the Foot Guards regiments, will also play a prominent role, along with the Household Cavalry, made up of the two most senior regiments in the British Army, the Life Guards and the Blues and Royals.

The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery will pull First World War vintage 13-pounder field guns, which will fire a gun salute of one

round every 60 seconds during the procession from the East Lawn of Windsor Castle.

From the Royal Navy, all five bands from the Royal Marines will be in the funeral procession, as well as marching contingents of sailors, musicians, stewards and staff.

Personnel from the RAF Regiment, RAF College Cranwell, RAF Marham, the Royal Auxiliary and 603 City of Edinburgh Squadron will be representing the service.

**What will their roles be?**  
Twelve soldiers from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards Queen's Company will form the bearer party that carries the Queen's oak coffin from Westminster Hall.

The troops will take the casket to a Royal Navy gun carriage, which will be pulled by 98 sailors from the Sovereign Guard.

Another 40 sailors from the Senior Service will also act as brakemen behind the ceremonial gun carriage, with Navy and Royal Marines members lining the route.

There will be a tri-service guard of honour including a contingent of Royal Marines at Parliament Square.

The Kings, Heralds and Pursuivants of Arms and officers and senior members of the Queen's Household will march in front of the gun carriage.

### What will the Armed Forces' duties be once the funeral ends?

The "Last Post" will be sounded by state trumpeters of the Band of the Household Cavalry from the steps of The Queen's Chapel inside Westminster Abbey, where they will wear the recognisable state dress of coat of the state trumpeters.

Members of the Armed Forces will line the route to Wellington Arch as the Queen's coffin is again borne on a state gun carriage before it is taken to St George's Chapel in Windsor for a committal service.

Mounties from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will lead the procession, with members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland and servicemen and women from the



Members of the Grenadier Guards rehearse in Windsor **ANDREW MATTHEWS/PA**

## PROCESSION

# Military faces of the funeral: 'It's going to be momentous'

By Ellen O'Dwyer

At about 3am on Saturday, two and a half days before the main event, more than 700 members of the military assembled in Windsor to rehearse the procession which will carry the Queen to her final resting place.

Saturday was the first time all divisions could rehearse together – surprisingly last-minute for what could be one of the most watched military processions of all time.

It involves 719 personnel including the Coldstream and Grenadier Guards, Navy and RAF route liners, members of the Household Cavalry and military bands, including the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Lieutenant Colonel Fred Wells, Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, based at Victoria Barracks in Windsor, said it was "absolutely critical" to get all elements right.

"It's going to be one of the most momentous occasions of my career, if not my life," he said.

State occasions are often rehearsed overnight but they do present some challenges, Mr Wells said.

The band had to stop playing at one point because they couldn't see their music, but as the sun rose movements came back into focus.

His role is to lead troops who have never worked together before – from the Army, Navy and RAF – who will be lining the route.

"I'm on a horse, which is a bit of a novelty because I'm no great horseman. I've had a lot of riding lessons in the last week," Mr Wells told **i**.

Guardsman Maximus Boughtflower was among the Coldstream



Guardsman Maximus Boughtflower of the Coldstream Guards

regiment who provided the Guard of Honour as the Queen's coffin made its way to Buckingham Palace this week and then to Westminster Hall.

Years of training and practice at the battalion meant the precision in the Guards' steps and time-keeping become second nature as they march, Mr Boughtflower told **i**.

But a few nerves still came when the crowds were out and watching, he said.

He added: "I feel like a massive sense of pride doing this."

"When you join the guards you know you are going to take part in big ceremonial events."

"But when it actually comes round to doing events like this, I can't really describe in words the pride you get from doing it."

## Analysis

Hymns reveal how royal funeral music has evolved

**Alexandra Coghlan**  
CLASSICAL MUSIC CRITIC

When you witness the intricate choreography of a royal funeral – the military marches, the organ preludes, the choral anthems, hymns and psalms – it is easy to believe the ritual is an ancient thing, as fixed and unchanging as the stones of Westminster Abbey.

But that is far from the case.

Royal funerals – and their music – have evolved over the centuries, swayed by personal taste as much as public politics, and pragmatism around a changing audience; what was once a performance for a single congregation is now watched in real time by millions of people across the world.

The addition of congregational hymns to the funeral service was, surprisingly to some, a late 19th-century phenomenon. Edward VII introduced two, but both George V and George VI's services included just one.

Queen Elizabeth II's will have three. Based on Psalm 23, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" was named in the Queen's 2016 list of her 10 favourite pieces of music and it featured in her wedding in 1947. It was also sung at the 1952 funeral of her father George VI.

Her second traditional funeral hymn, "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended", is another work with royal history. Queen Victoria selected it to mark her Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and it featured in the Hong Kong handover ceremony a century later. With words by 19th-century vicar John Ellerton set to the lilting, triple-time melody "St Clement", it is a regular fixture of the Songs of Praise poll of the nation's favourite hymns.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is one of Methodist hymn-writer Charles Wesley's best-known works. A hymn of celebration, it has featured in many royal weddings, as well as King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla's wedding blessing.

At the end of the service, following the National Anthem, the Queen's Piper, Pipe Major Paul Burns of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, will play the traditional Scottish funeral lament "Sleep, Dearie, Sleep". It will be a gentle answer and contrast to the massed procession of 200 pipes and drums from Scottish and Irish regiments who will accompany the Queen's coffin as it makes its way from Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey.

Armed Forces of the Commonwealth joining NHS workers.

Members of the British Armed Forces, including mounted troops from the Household Cavalry, will also march behind.

The bearer party, the pallbearers, the King's Body Guards of The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, the Yeomen of the Guard and the Royal Company of Archers will flank the gun carriage.

### What will be the Armed Forces' role in Windsor?

Around 1,157 members of the services will be on duty in Windsor, with a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry Regiment, made up of the Blues and Royals and the Life Guards, marching ahead of the Queen's coffin.

They will be followed by the mounted division of the Sovereign's Escort, a Massed Pipes and Drums of Scottish and Irish Regiments, the Bands of the Coldstream Guards and the Household Cavalry, officers of the Household Division, the

Kings, Heralds and Pursuivants of Arms and members of the Queen's personal staff.

The Queen's hearse will be flanked by the pallbearers and an escort of two officers and 24 troops from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Behind will be members of the Queen's, the King's and the Prince of Wales's households,

followed by mounted and dismounted detachments of the Household Cavalry.

### What flags and standards will be on display?

The Queen's coffin is draped with the Royal Standard, on top of which are the Imperial State Crown, the sovereign's orb and the

sceptre, where they will remain for the duration of the funeral and committal service.

The sceptre, which holds the world's largest known cut diamond, the Cullinan I, represents equity, mercy and the monarch's temporal power.

Among the military banners on display will be The Queen's Company Colour, the Royal Standard of the Grenadier Guards, which will be at the front of the procession in Windsor.

Only one Royal Standard of the regiment is presented during a monarch's reign, and it served as the Queen's Company Colour throughout her lifetime. The flag was presented to the Grenadier Guards by the Queen at the start of her reign.

As the coffin passes the Cenotaph en route from Westminster Hall, ex-services standard bearers will be standing to attention. A contingent of Royal British Legion standards led by the National Standard Bearer will participate in the procession.

**Joe Duggan**



Household Cavalry, Blues and Royals at the lying-in-state **CHIP SOMODEVILLA**



## MONARCHY

# Majesty leaves little room for even the tiniest of tantrums

We rarely use the words "regal" and "majestic" in their literal sense, applied to a monarch. But that's how Charles III has looked over the past 10 days, in the build-up to the funeral of his "darling mama". Not a single molecule has changed but he has grown into the role and we see him in a new light.

His tours of the four constituent nations of the United Kingdom have gone down extremely well – you can see he genuinely enjoys meeting the crowds. His speeches have been sombre, clever and well judged.

Everything spot on, then. Except for those confounded fountain pens.

"I can't bear this bloody thing... every stinking time," the King cried as his pen leaked when he signed the visitors' book at Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland, last week.

That came three days after the exasperated King twice asked aides to take away an ornate pen-holder that was in the way when he signed documents at his official Accession at St James's Palace.

These are tiny blemishes – no bigger than an ink blot – in such an admirable 10 days for a man who has lost his mother and taken on the great burden of kingship, and done it all so impeccably.

But, still, they are symptomatic of his tricky side. Similar stories of grandness – of him having six eggs, boiled for different durations, waiting for him when he came home from hunting; of his valet squeezing toothpaste on his toothbrush – are apocryphal. But they are wrapped around a kernel of truth: that the King likes everything to be just so.

The pen explosions may only be a fading symptom of the dissatisfaction that grew out of a highly unusual background. Still, it is worth investigating how that

King has barely put foot wrong – but it will need to stay that way. By Harry Mount



dissatisfaction emerged – and how he will deal with his future on the throne.

Looking at the King this week, his devotion to the Queen – as his mother and his monarch – is clear. But that second role made it impossible for her to carry out the first one full-time.

Charles, born in 1948, was at the most elemental age of his siblings – three – when his mother came to the throne. He was only five when she and the Duke of Edinburgh went on a four-month tour of Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand and Australia. He and his younger sister, Princess Anne, were left at home.

In a way, he was born into a different generation – in terms of modern parenting – from his two younger brothers, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, both 1960s babies, born more than a decade after Charles.

Princess Anne survived that more remote upbringing in a

**Pen explosions may only be a fading symptom of the dissatisfaction that grew out of an unusual background**

robust way. But she didn't have the burdens of the No 1 job coming her way. The expectations of Charles were enormous.

Since the death of Prince Philip in 2021, it has emerged that they were close to each other; the Duke of Edinburgh was not the distant father he was made out to be. The wrinkles in Charles's character that made him uneasy with himself were formed more by his education than his family.

The poor young prince was horribly bullied at Gordonstoun – his father's old school. How much more sense it would have made if he had gone to Eton – where lots of his adult friends went. There, as a spectacularly rich, titled landowner-to-be, he would not have stood out from other privileged boys, in the way he did at Gordonstoun – and thus became a target.

At Trinity College, Cambridge, he was not bullied but he was still a fish out of water. With his B and C in history and French A-levels, he really was not Cambridge material. And, as a shy teenager, how difficult it must have been to trail around the university, set apart from everyone, not just by his background, but by having a bodyguard in tow.

A disastrous marriage to Lady Diana Spencer did not make him any less awkward. His second marriage has clearly made him much happier – the Queen Consort cleared up the leaking pen incident in her characteristically calm way. Funny and clever, she has the fundamental weapons for dealing with life's travails – a sense of irony and the ability to look at everything at one remove.

At 73, King Charles is the oldest person to come to the British throne. He has had the longest apprenticeship in history, with 64 years as Prince of Wales.

He is fit for a man of his age but, like all of us, he is aware of his limitations. If he is lucky, he will share the constitution of his mother and maternal grandmother and have more than 20 years of continued good health.

But that is still a limited period to do all he wants to do as king. In his first speech as monarch, he acknowledged that: "It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply."

In concentrating on reigning as well as possible, he will know there is little time for tantrums over anything – particularly trivialities like leaking pens.

Harry Mount is the author of 'How England Made the English' (Penguin)



The young Prince Charles with the Queen during his final year at Gordonstoun School in Moray, where he studied from 1962 to 1967 GORDONSTOUN/PA



## Comment

## Britain's monarchy is above politics – it's the essence of diplomacy

Sarah Sands



**T**he eyes of the world" is an overused expression, but accurate in the case of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II today. There are estimates that television audiences will exceed four billion people. The constitutional logistics are giddy. Our late sovereign is the most famous woman in the world.

I grasped the resonance of the Queen beyond these shores when I saw the grief of my Chinese daughter-in-law at the news of Her Majesty's death. The flowers,

flags and Paddington bear toys are laid outside the British consulate in Hong Kong as they are at Sandringham, which I went to look at over the weekend.

Meanwhile, 100 world leaders descended on to London amid awkward questions of precedence – who goes to the back of the bus that takes them to Westminster Abbey? – and some falling outs. Political critics protested about the presence of China and Saudi Arabia; I reckon this is a moment for diplomacy.

Of course, President Putin cannot come while he is at war with the civilised world, but today, let us welcome other countries with whom we may have differences.

When her father George VI died, the former Princess Elizabeth was



## Rose for the Queen

People gather for a memorial service for the Queen at the Milton Keynes Rose, in the city's Campbell Park, at the weekend ANDREW BOYERS/REUTERS

on an overseas tour. King Charles III is already preparing to visit Australia. The new Prince and Princess of Wales are also keen to visit in the mood of friendship.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada are in clear focus during this period of mourning. Horses representing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will lead today's funeral procession. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's tribute to the late Queen was one of the most heartfelt: "She was one of my favourite people in the world and I will miss her so."

He said the monarchy remains a "bedrock of Canada's democracy. In a complicated world, her steady grace and resolve brought comfort and strength to us all".

The Queen's role as a friend of the world is one that the UK should build on. The new King began by strengthening the unity of his own kingdom, with binding visits to Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. This should now be a moment to position the UK as a force for the values of benign democracy across the world.

The beauty of the British monarchy is that it is above politics. It is based on renouncing power. Conversations such as those described by Prime Minister Trudeau are private and advisory,

not based on positional advantage. It is the essence of diplomacy.

The non-rational nature of the monarchy also speaks to the heart. I listened to designer and inventor Thomas Heatherwick at last week's Braemar Summit appeal for emotion as a function. He observed that tourists preferred to visit the old parts of a place before the new. I remember the Obamas being whisked to new conference centres on the edge of London, but for personal pleasure, they wanted to look at Westminster Abbey and they fell in love with the Queen.

What the UK has to offer – besides innovation and creativity

– is history. The combination is potent. We are bound to the English-speaking world by the language of Shakespeare.

The democratic Anglosphere is a power bloc. At Braemar last week, a Lithuanian academic said her hope for the Baltic States resided in the Aukus pact, the security alliance between Australia, the UK and the US. That same sense of unity is needed today. It would be a very good thing if world leaders talked to each other on the bus – and likewise if the royals step up their world tours. We should be strengthening ties with India. The perspective of African countries is also needed

**“I remember the Obamas wanting to see Westminster Abbey and they fell in love with the Queen”**

and has been neglected in years of crisis.

Funerals are a chance for reconciliation; the vigil held by the grandchildren of the Queen was made more powerful for seeing Princes William and Harry together. It would be foolish not to settle differences in the wake of it.

If the EU and UK could come to an agreement on the Irish border as a result, it would be a fine outcome. Relationships require attention, which the Queen knew all too well.

As French President Emmanuel Macron wrote: "No foreign sovereign has climbed the stairs of the Élysée Palace more often than she, who honoured France with six state visits and met each of its presidents."

The Queen understood that governments – good or bad – pass, but the relationships between peoples of all nations must endure.

Let diplomacy reign.

Sarah Sands was the editor of BBC Radio 4's 'Today' programme from 2017 to 2020



Canada's premier, Justin Trudeau, at 10 Downing Street yesterday REUTERS

## Comment

Center Parcs is not alone in its vacuous nonsense

Ian Dunt



No one could possibly have predicted that Center Parcs would have played a leading role in the Queen's mourning period, but it has, flip-flopping on whether to close today "as a mark of respect". With each change of plan, it reached ever greater heights of cognitive and organisational failure.

Center Parcs' quivering nonsense has been repeated across the country, from the Met Office deciding that reporting the weather was somehow disrespectful at this time, to Heathrow stopping flights.

It is all completely vacuous, with no sense of basic reason or even an appreciation for the things the Queen stood for. There's not the slightest sense that people have put any thought into what is happening.

There's absolutely no indication of introspection.

Then there's the obsessive online sneering at the crowds who lined up for miles to pay their final respects.

There are interesting things happening here if we take a moment to look at them. They're interesting because these two weeks will form a part of the country's narrative about itself. But to try to assess the story that's being told you have to give up some preconceptions.

If we were to do that, we would probably start with two elements, one of which is uncomfortable for republicans and another of which is uncomfortable for royalists.

The first is that this has, by and large, been a unifying spectacle, which provides for a shared and inclusive national conversation. Why have people cried who did not expect to cry? Because they are having a conversation with their country, in a way that is unmediated by commercialism or politics. No elected head of state could achieve that.

The second is that if the timelines had been ever so slightly different, and Andrew had been born before Charles, the associate of a convicted sex trafficker would now be sitting on the throne. There would be no way of stopping it.

These things are both true. Accepting one makes it harder to accept the other, but there we are. We can either grapple with them, or we can turn ourselves into a human version of Center Parcs, desperately clinging to whatever intellectual bunker we've developed.

Better to grapple.



## INTERNATIONAL

# How mourners will be marking the occasion from afar

By Graham Keeley and Katie Grant

Church services will be held, businesses will close and flags will be at half-mast around the world during the Queen's funeral.

Here are the ways some countries intend to say goodbye to her.

## SPAIN

Businesses will close and British citizens will hold private vigils to honour the Queen's state funeral today in Spain, which is home to around 300,000 UK expatriates, the largest such group in the world.

Benidorm, a resort on the southeast's Costa Blanca – which has 4,000 expats and hosts tens of thousands of UK holidaymakers every year – honoured the Queen with illuminated electronic signs showing her and the Union flag. Candlelit vigils have been held, along with remembrance services, and demand for British newspapers has soared.

"For me the Queen's death was a shock but not unexpected of course. Benidorm has done all it can to honour Her Majesty," Michelle Baker, a former journalist who runs a Facebook page which offers advice

to tourists, told **i**. "The Spaniards have been fantastic. The mayor, Toni Pérez, sent me a personal message of condolence."

British-run businesses will close as a mark of respect even though it is a normal working day for Spaniards. Events involving British groups have also been cancelled.

English-language radio stations like Spectrum FM, popular with expats, will have special coverage of the state funeral.

Lee Chappell, who owns Quicksave British Supermarket in Santa Pola, near Alicante, also on the Costa Blanca, said: "We have had people asking us to keep more copies of the British newspapers because of the reporting of the Queen's death and the nation's mourning."

## GIBRALTAR

Flags have been at half-mast on the British Overseas Territory since the Queen died and they will remain so until after the funeral. Gibraltar will also observe the bank holiday today and last night an official one-minute silence took place at 9pm.

Fabian Picardo, the chief minister of Gibraltar and leader of the Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party called on "all Gibraltarians and residents on Gibraltar to reflect on the immense dedication and contribution Her late Majesty gave in her 70 years as Queen".

Mr Picardo and the governor of Gibraltar, Sir David Steel, the monarchy's representative on the peninsula, will both attend the funeral.

## FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Falkland Islands have also declared today a public holiday, with all flags, including the Union flag, due to remain at half-mast until tomorrow. A two-minute silence will be observed at 11am local time today. A book of condolence that has been open for the public to sign for several days will close this afternoon.

## UNITED STATES

In the US, the major entertainment networks – ABC, CBS and NBC – will bring their breakfast programmes on air as early as 5am on the East Coast. C-Span, usually home to live coverage of Congress, is clearing its airtime to relay uninterrupted full funeral coverage.

Digital streaming platforms will convey events in London to mobile phones and tablets. Right-wing cable channels are also clearing the schedule for the ceremony.

While some remain perplexed with the royal fascination, others have conceded they "might sneak a peek at the Queen's funeral".



## Global TV Live coverage

The Queen's state funeral will also be viewed around the Commonwealth, with many countries broadcasting it live.

Australia will show the news on public broadcaster ABC and commercial networks. Australians will get a one-off bank holiday to mark the occasion, but not until Thursday when the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, returns from London.

In New Zealand, coverage of the funeral will start at 7.30pm even though the event does not begin until 10pm. It will air live on national broadcaster TVNZ and the country will have a national holiday on Monday 26 September, with a memorial service to be held in the Cathedral of St Paul in Wellington on the same day.

In Canada, CBC will broadcast the event live on television and online. Its national day of mourning today is also a bank holiday.

In India, a day of state mourning took place on 11 September and President Droupadi Murmu will attend today's funeral.

Some Caribbean nations, such as Jamaica, have announced a period of mourning for the Queen's death. However, only in the Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory, will today be a public holiday.



## Tributes far and wide

Above: A child places a drawing as she attends a memorial service at a church in Taguig, a suburb of Manila

JAM STA ROSA/AFP

Left: A choir sings during a memorial service at All Saints' Anglican Church in Nairobi, Kenya

BAZ RATNER/REUTERS

Right: Indian painter Jagjit Singh Rubal gives the final touches to a painting of the Queen in Amritsar

NARINDER NANU/AFP

## MALTA

# Island recalls 'happy days' of newlyweds

By Kevin Schembri Orland

A dilapidated villa outside Malta's capital, where a young Princess Elizabeth and her husband lived for a period before she became Queen, has become a focal point of Malta's remembrance of the late monarch and her ties to the former British colony.

Flowers and wreaths have crowded the door of Villa Guardamangia, where Elizabeth and Prince Philip spent months at a time between 1949 and 1951. Philip, a Royal Navy officer, was assigned to the Mediterranean island in the early years of the couple's marriage.

"Visiting Malta is always very special for me," the Queen said in Malta

in 2015, when she visited the Mediterranean island nation for a Commonwealth meeting. "I remember happy days here with Prince Phillip when we were first married."

Unlike in some other former colonies, where the monarch's death has conjured up memories of oppression or lasting economic disparities as a legacy of British rule, residents of Malta generally remember the Queen with respect.

In 2020, the Maltese government purchased Villa Guardamangia, which had fallen into disrepair, and it is now renovating the dwelling with the aim of turning it into a museum documenting the history of Malta's relationship with the British monarchy.



Tributes to the Queen outside Villa Guardamangia in Malta

"Obviously, Malta was a colony too, so there are people who also remember that," said a former president, Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca.

"But I don't think people mix the issue of being colonised and the Queen. The Queen carried a lot of respect."

Malta's President, George Vella, will represent the country at the Queen's funeral today. AP



## Comment

## Americans' appetite for the full English pageant is always hard to sate

Simon Marks



**S**uch is the level of American interest in the Queen's funeral that even *The New York Times*' much-vaunted food section is getting in on the act. Bleary-eyed readers waking extra-early today to tune in from afar were this week offered a "streamlined" sheet-pan recipe for a full English breakfast.

While the newspaper's readers reach for their baking sheets, the rest of us will be "streamlining" our ingredients in time-honoured frying pans.

The US television networks have dispatched their star anchors, reporters and production crews to London for a television operation unmatched in scale since the funeral in 1997 of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Behind the scenes in Washington DC and New York City, the timing of the funeral created something of a scheduling frenzy. President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden flew in to London late on Saturday, altering their plans to spend the weekend preparing for his annual address to the United Nations General Assembly.

Many UN events have been upended by the Queen's funeral, and even Mr Biden's speech has been pushed back by 24 hours until Wednesday.

His first face-to-face meeting with Liz Truss will now take place at the UN headquarters in New York, rather than in London. It's being billed as a "full bilateral

meeting", an indication that there's far more on the agenda to digest than would have been possible during a brief encounter before the funeral.

The Bidens travelled to London solo. There was no invitation offered to past US Presidents, with the UK side obviating the discomfort of Donald Trump's presence in London by blaming space limits for a tightly restricted guest list.

But the Trumps, along with the Obamas, Bushes, Clintons and Carters have been invited to attend a memorial service at Washington National Cathedral on Wednesday. It's not yet clear how many of them plan to attend.

Many American eyes will be on the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. News outlets here have offered relentless coverage of their involvement in the mourning, and even some of their usually loquacious celebrity friends have been cautious about opining on the couple's current sentiments.

Oprah Winfrey last week told CBS the funeral could serve as an "opportunity for peacemaking" within the Royal Family. But refused requests from her friend – the network's anchor, Gayle King – to go any further.

"I try to stay out of people's family business," said Winfrey – whose interview last year with them suggests this may not be entirely true.

With the Duchess's podcast in a temporary production pause and the release of Prince Harry's memoir pushed back until next year, Americans can only scrutinise the imagery from London while awaiting the couple's return to the US.

## News in brief

## TAIWAN

### 'Special invitation' to sign condolence book

Taiwan's de facto ambassador in London received a "special invitation" to sign the book of condolence for the Queen, the island's foreign ministry said, adding that he was treated the same as other dignitaries.

Britain, like most countries, has no diplomatic ties with Chinese-claimed Taiwan though they have close unofficial ones. Taiwan said Kelly Hsieh was invited by the Government to sign the condolence book at Lancaster House.

The invitation came "based on the importance attached to Taiwan-Britain relations and the precious friendship", it added.



## CHINA

### Nothing but British flags for factory

Ninety minutes after the Queen died, orders for thousands of Union flags started to flood into a factory near Shanghai.

More than 100 staff at Shaoxing Chuangdong Tour Articles Co set aside other work and put in 14-hour days starting at 7.30am making nothing but British-themed flags.

They turned out at least 500,000 in the first week, according to general manager Fan Aiping.

Some are Union flags to be carried by mourners or hung outside homes. Others show the Queen's portrait and the years of her birth and death. AP

## Comment

## Queen was an LGBT ally as country changed for the better

Patrick Strudwick



**T**he reign of Queen Elizabeth II arches right across the history of the LGBT liberation movement, from prison cells to Pride marches. From the chemical castration of Alan Turing – the code-breaker who helped win the Second World War – to his eyes fixing our gaze face on the £50 note. How far we have come. On the other side, of course, is the Queen. The only one with a capital letter.

She was always there and that is the point. Elizabeth II occupies a solitary place in the

psyche of LGBT people, above party politics, above the protests, the rows in families, the lies in the press and the viciousness in Parliament. The debates about same-sex marriage were not so long ago, where most Conservative MPs voted against this right and where politician after politician stood up against progress.

But Britain's monarch said nothing, stood back, and allowed an impression to form that she accepted all her nation's children, without question. Do we know her views on same-sex marriage, on gay adoption, on – dare I say – trans rights? We do not.

We saw LGBT people move from the shadows to the spotlight of the honours lists. Advocates,

entertainers, artists and sports people arrived at the Palace to kneel before her; knighted, decorated, celebrated by the head of state.

Many have wrestled with this. My friend Lisa Power, perhaps the most important lesbian campaigner in British history, who has dedicated 45 years to this fight, who co-founded Stonewall, who headed policy at the Terrence Higgins Trust for 17 years, decided to accept the British Empire Medal. Empire does not sit well with those who strive for equality, for an end to racism or prejudice.

But Power is both idealist and pragmatist. She knew the power of symbols; the picture of her, in all her righteousness, her

great big in-your-face lesbianism – anointed by the head of state. Others, like Peter Tatchell declined. There was always room for both ways.

Her grandsons helped warm LGBT people to the Queen. We know, broadly, where William and Harry stand on LGBT matters. Their mother instilled liberalism and tolerance in them. They remain champions of the de-stigmatisation of HIV. In this, for once, the Queen's younger relatives reflected light, not scandal, back upon her.

In the Queen we see the face of Britain change; the scowl of criminalisation to the cheer of celebration. In losing her, we lose our link to who we once were – to how we changed for the better.

## BRAZIL

### Bolsonaro 'hoping for election boost'

Allies of Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro hope his attendance at the funeral will help the right-wing leader's ailing re-election bid.

With Brazilians heading to the polls in two weeks, Mr Bolsonaro has decided to pause his campaign and leave the country for four days. After the Queen's funeral in London, he will travel to New York for the UN Assembly General session.

Supporters hope that the trip will give Mr Bolsonaro gravitas after almost four years of rifts with other world leaders. He trails former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in opinion polls.



## HERITAGE

# An enduring tradition of mourning sovereigns

Times have changed but much is the same when we bid farewell to a monarch. By **Cahal Milmo**

**F**rom the full-length black mourning cloaks once required of mourners to the carriage accident which gave rise to one of the state funeral's most poignant features, the final departure of British monarchs has – much like the institution they represent – quietly evolved while maintaining its aura of tradition.

With a grand procession through the streets of London leading to a historic service at Westminster Abbey after a reign lasting decades, there will be several key similarities between Queen Elizabeth II's funeral on Monday and that of her namesake four centuries earlier, not least among them a gathering of multitudes to witness the event.

As such, the Virgin Queen's funeral is one of three royal burials that help chart the change and continuity of such moments in British history.

Queen Victoria, who until Elizabeth II's 70-year reign was Britain's longest-serving monarch, obsessed over her death to the extent that she left 12 pages of written instructions, including luminous details of what was to be placed alongside her in her coffin, to be followed punctiliously. The document was to become in many ways the blueprint for state funerals ever since.

The death of George VI, the Queen's father, was by definition the last time Britain buried a sovereign and was arguably the moment at which mass participation in a royal event that is now taken for granted, via the nascent magic of television, became possible.

**ELIZABETH I**

The death of Elizabeth I on 24 March 1603 harks back to a very

different era of monarchy – one of total fealty, in the secular sphere at least, to an absolute ruler and where the cult of personality was if anything more potent than the modern age.

Elizabeth I of England and Ireland – though not of Scotland – endured a slow and undignified end. She apparently stood unassisted in her bedchamber in Richmond Palace for 15 hours, out of the fear that she would be unable to stand again if she laid down, and then spending four days on the floor before her servants finally got her into bed.

Legend has it that she had a full inch of makeup on her face when she died. She was said to be very vain, despite losing all of her hair and most of her teeth by her final days, and refused to have baths.

Some believe she died of blood poisoning, others think pneumonia or cancer. Her body was embalmed and remained in Richmond for two weeks before being brought along the River Thames on a barge and taken to Whitehall Palace, to lie in state for another three weeks.

Her funeral was finally held on 28 April. The procession was attended by 3,000 mourners. Even the lowest-ranking members of the royal household, such as wine porters and scullery maids, joined the solemn march through the streets of the capital.

It is thought to have been watched by 200,000 people, a figure equaling the entire estimated population of London at the time.

**For four decades of her 64-year reign, Victoria chose to wear black mourning clothes in memory of her husband**

Elizabeth I's body was encased in lead inside a wooden coffin, which was covered in purple velvet. This was carried on a chariot pulled by four grey horses, with six knights holding a canopy over it.

A life-size painted wooden effigy of Elizabeth lying down with a crown on her head and a sceptre in her hands was placed on top of the coffin, looking so lifelike that mourners are said to have gasped. It featured a corset, which still survives, and was dressed in her parliamentary robes. The effigy was remade in 1760 with a wax head and this replica is now on display in the Abbey museum.

John Stow, a historian at the time, wrote: "Westminster was surcharged with multitudes of all sorts of people in their streets, houses, windows, leads and gutters, that came out to see the obsequy, and when they beheld her statue lying upon the coffin, there was such a general sighing, groaning and weeping as the like hath not been seen or known in the memory of man."

One person absent from the funeral was Elizabeth's successor. She may not in reality have been the "Virgin Queen" that she is sometimes called, but she had no children – leading to a sense of anxiety about the future throughout the country for years before her death aged 69 – so James VI of Scotland was chosen as her heir in a move that united the two kingdoms. By the end of her life, Elizabeth could no longer speak but is said to have agreed to the Scottish monarch taking the throne after her by making a circle movement around her head to signal that he should wear the crown.

Despite the length of time between her death and the funeral, and his decision to fork out the £11,000 cost, the new king of England opted not to arrive in London until after the ceremony. He left Scotland on 5 April but spent time enjoying himself on hunts during his slow journey south. James I,

as he became in England, had still only reached Hinchingbrooke in Cambridgeshire by the day of the funeral.

Elizabeth I was initially buried in the same vault within Westminster Abbey as her grandfather, Henry VII. But her successor commissioned a white marble monument and in 1606 her body was placed underneath that in the Lady Chapel, together with the body of her half-sister, Mary I.

The Latin inscription on her monument celebrates the perceived achievements of her reign. "Sacred to memory: religion to its primitive purity restored, peace settled, money restored to its just value, domestic rebellion quelled, France relieved when involved with intestine divisions; the Netherlands supported; the Spanish Armada vanquished; Ireland almost lost by rebels, eased by routing the Spaniard; the revenues of both universities much enlarged by a Law of Provisions; and lastly, all England enriched."

**QUEEN VICTORIA**

Just as the Victorians were obsessed with the fact and symbolism of death, so too was the queen whose name embodied her era. For four decades of her 64-year reign, Victoria chose to wear black mourning clothes in memory of her husband, Prince Albert, who died in 1861.

So when Victoria died at Osborne House, her retreat on the Isle of Wight, on 22 January 1901 at the age of 81, it would have been something of a surprise to her subjects to learn that she had stipulated that white was to be the signature colour of her funeral.

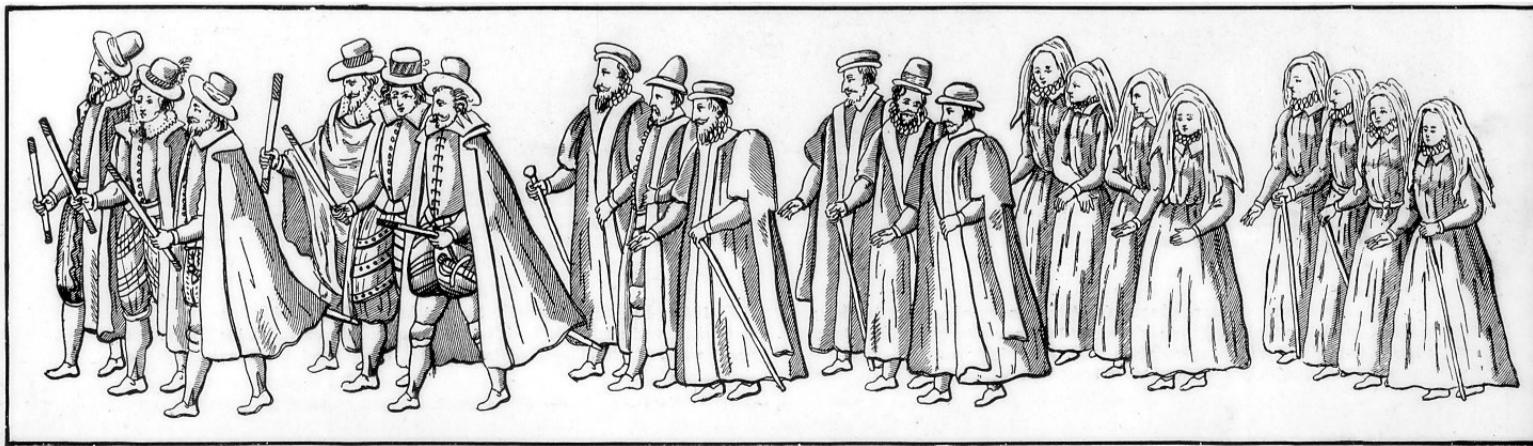
The monarch was buried in her wedding veil, with her coffin covered in a white and gold pall to be placed on a gun carriage conveyed by white horses. The preponderance of black seen at state funerals for centuries before – Tudor mourners wore hooded black cloaks whose voluminosity



was strictly controlled according to aristocratic seniority – was replaced with a regal purple to sit alongside the symbolic flashes of white.

It was one change among many to the fundamental style and substance of royal state funerals that has stayed in place since Victoria, who had long been fixated with the choreography of her own passing, reputedly dictated a 12-page memorandum to her personal physician, Sir James Reid, detailing her requirements – and vision – for her funeral.

Much of the document related to the grave goods which the queen wanted her faithful doctor and aides to ensure were placed in her coffin, including a lock of the hair of John Brown, the faithful Balmoral manservant who became Victoria's



'The faithful subjects who led the procession at Elizabeth's funeral, 1603 (1901). The figures in front are the knight marshal's men' PRINT COLLECTOR/GETTY



**The late King George VI lies in state in the chapel at Windsor**  
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closest companion and is thought by some historians to have been her lover. The items from Brown, including letters to the monarch and photographs, were carefully hidden under flowers in the casket so members of the Royal Family, in particular Victoria's successor Edward VII, who despised the servant's closeness to his mother, knew nothing of their presence.

But it was the style of Victoria's funeral which proved its most enduring legacy. Whereas previous monarchs had been buried after processions led by senior courtiers and counsellors, the queen stipulated that she wished to be treated as a "soldier's daughter" with the military for the first time taking the lead role in proceedings, including conveying her coffin on a gun carriage.

It was the stipulation of the gun carriage, which Victoria had noted and admired at the funeral of the Duke of Albany in 1884, and the intervention of a faulty coupling that prompted a change to the choreography of state funerals ever since. Royal legend has it that a bolting horse at Windsor station prompted the intervention which led to 98 Royal Navy sailors improvising by rigging ropes to Victoria's gun carriage and hauling the coffin to the funeral service at St George's Chapel within the confines of the castle.

In reality, it was the failure of a metal eyelet linking the carriage to the horses' reins which prompted the intervention. In a letter to *The Times*, written 35 years later, an officer who had witnessed the incident said a contingent of sailors

had "promptly and gallantly" stepped in to haul the coffin before soldiers from the Royal Artillery could fix the problem, and in so doing allowed the Royal Navy to steal into perpetuity the honour of conveying British monarchs to their last resting place.

#### GEORGE VI

The funeral of the Queen's father following his death at Sandringham from lung cancer on 6 February 1952 was in many ways the most loyal so far to the royal convention established by Victoria and her successors.

Although Victoria did not lie in state in Westminster Hall, her successors did, establishing the practice seen so vividly in recent days as members of the public pay homage to a dead sovereign by walking past the coffin.

All the ingredients that will be present today – from attendance of dignitaries from across the world to the dolorous ceremonial splendour of the sovereign's last journey to Windsor – were played out in 1952.

After being brought to London by train, George VI lay in state for three days, during which 304,000 people filed past the catafalque. The figure was fewer than had done so for the king's father, George V, a turnout that was attributed to the fact that the Queen's father was the first monarch to be buried in the television age.

While the coronation of Elizabeth II in June 1953 is widely held to have been Britain's first communal televised event, appetite for living a national moment via the flickering box in the living room was established by George VI's funeral as Britons realised they could in some sense witness history and flocked to buy televisions – at vast expense, given that the average set cost some four times the average monthly wage.

The death of the king and its surrounding ceremonial moments also established that other vital ingredient of the state funeral – the sonorous yet sombre, dignified yet apposite commentary of a senior broadcaster.

The BBC received widespread plaudits for the description of the George VI funeral procession to Westminster Hall provided by Richard Dimbleby, whose subsequent commentaries, including that of the Queen's coronation, are widely regarded as the gold standard of televised explication to an audience of millions.

It is with such incremental steps that the state funeral of a monarch has reached its present incarnation – an amalgam of centuries-old tradition and convention, tweaked and smoothed to suit the relevant moment.

In the case of Elizabeth II, a significant change will be the fact that she is the first monarch since George II in 1760 to have a funeral that includes a service at Westminster Abbey – the formal funeral service for the sovereign has been held at St George's Chapel in Windsor since 1820.

And yet – from the lead-lined coffin of Elizabeth I, to the gun carriage of Victoria to the rapt televised audience of George VI – much else will feel familiar.

#### SOCIETY

## Republicans protest at football and on the streets

By Madeleine Cuff

Sky Sports became the second television company in a week to apologise for broadcasting Celtic fans' derogatory chants and banners during pre-match tributes to the Queen.

Ahead of the Scottish club's televised game against St Mirren yesterday, fans chanted: "If you hate the Royal Family clap your hands."

On Wednesday, Celtic fans held up banners, including one reading 'F\*\*k the Crown' during their Champions League match against Shakhtar Donetsk, which BT Sport apologised for showing during its coverage.

Meanwhile on Saturday, Dundee United fans disrupted a minute's silence during a match against Rangers at Ibrox, as boos and chants mocking the Queen's death were audible from the away end.

In a statement, Dundee United said: "As a club, ahead of the game we reached out to advise our supporters of the pre-match arrangements with the expectation that the minute silence would be observed."

Elsewhere, tributes to the Queen were generally well-observed by supporters, with most clubs holding

a minute's silence before their games and a minute of applause during the 70th minute to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

A small number of anti-monarchy protests took place during the national mourning period, with civil liberties groups raising concerns about demonstrators who were arrested or moved on by police.

In Edinburgh, a woman was arrested after holding a sign with an expletive and the words "abolish the monarchy" at a proclamation ceremony for King Charles. She was charged with breaching the peace.

A man was arrested and later de-arrested in Oxford after shouting "who elected him?" at a proclamation ceremony. A woman holding a sign saying "Not my King" was moved on by police in Parliament Square but officers later said it was to prevent an obstruction.

In Cardiff on Friday, dozens of people protested against the monarchy during a visit by the King but no arrests were made. A petition linked to the protests calling for an end to the "Prince of Wales" title has gathered more than 25,000 signatures.

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#### How newspapers reported royal funerals in the past

Funerals for Britain's monarchs have been reported in intimate detail for centuries and no more so than in the heyday of newspapers from the 19th century onwards.

When Queen Victoria died in 1901, *The Times* reported how her funeral at Windsor was "marked by every circumstance of public ceremonial" so that her subjects "might remember it to the end of their days".

Its coverage, stretching over five pages, featured a sketch of a coffin showing which dignitaries were arranged around it as the monarch was brought to London from the Isle of Wight, where she died.

"Hyde Park attracted the most enormous crowd," its special correspondent wrote. "The pathways were swarming with people and the numerous high trees were filled to their topmost branches with daring and adventurous climbers."

The *Aberdeen Press and Journal* described the funeral of Edward VII in 1910 in similarly mournful tones, although its headline of "Royal Cavalcade – Nine Kings" may seem a touch frivolous nowadays.

The *South Bucks Standard* devoted an equal amount of text to the king's funeral plans as it did to the proposals for seating arrangements at a memorial service at Wycombe Parish Church. "The mayor and corporation will attend

and seats will be kept for them, and also for the territories, provided they let the vicar know no later than Thursday," it said.

In 1936, immediately after the death of George V, the *Bradford Observer* recalled how Edward VIII flew from Sandringham to London – becoming the first British monarch to travel by air.

Some of the best insights into what was happening in the country can be seen in the weekly newspapers in towns across the country.

The *Burnley Express* noted how the draw for the fifth round of the FA Cup was being postponed until a day after the funeral. The *Wigton Advertiser* described how while the town was "not behind in expressing its sorrow at the death of the king", the fact that the funeral was on market day "prevented the general closure of premises". It was the new king's view, the paper said, that the funeral should "not interfere with business".

In 1952, the *Nottingham Evening Post* reported that the *News Theatre* in the city was showing "full length pictures" of George VI's funeral every hour for a full week. The *Daily Mirror* described how the Earl Marshal had ordered the nation to "wear sober clothes" on the day of the funeral. "Anybody who does possess black clothes should wear them."

**Dean Kirby**



## BURIAL

# The Queen will be laid to rest in 'deeply personal' family service

By Sally Guyoncourt

The Queen will be buried at her beloved Windsor home in a private service for her close family.

Her final resting place will be the George VI Memorial Chapel, an annexe to the main chapel, where her mother and father are buried along with the ashes of her sister, Princess Margaret.

Prince Philip's coffin will move from the Royal Vault to the memorial chapel to join the Queen's.

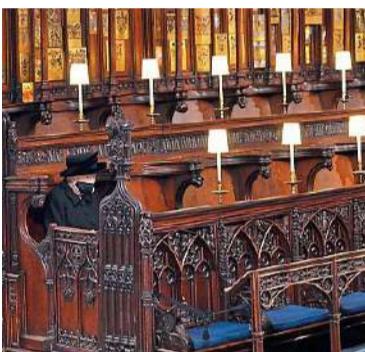
After the pomp and ceremony of the state funeral attended by presidents, prime ministers, royals and dignitaries from across the globe, the interment will be a quiet, personal moment for the family to say their goodbyes.

The Queen's committal service will take place at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle at 4pm today. The Queen will be buried with the Duke of Edinburgh in the George VI chapel in a private service at 7.30pm.

Following the state funeral in London, the cortège will leave Westminster Abbey to make the final journey to the Queen's resting place, along roads expected to be lined with hundreds of thousands of people.

King Charles and other members of the Royal Family will walk behind the Queen's coffin to Wellington Arch at Hyde Park Corner, before it is taken on to Windsor in Berkshire.

On arrival in Windsor, the State Hearse will travel in procession again along the Long Walk to St



The Queen in St George's Chapel during the funeral of Prince Philip

George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. The committal service will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor, David Conner, who was also present for the funeral of Prince Philip.

Around 800 people, including members of the Queen's Household and Windsor estate staff, will attend the afternoon committal service.

But in the evening, after 70 years in the glare of the public eye, the monarch will be laid to rest in a "deeply personal family occasion" that will remain private.

It is understood that King Charles will scatter earth on the coffin, as the Queen did for her father George VI in 1952, before it is interred in a vault in the George VI Memorial Chapel.

Queen Elizabeth's coffin will join those of her father and the Queen Mother.

A casket containing the ashes of her sister Princess Margaret is interred in the same vault.

**Did you know?** The weddings of Peter Phillips to Autumn Kelly and then Prince Harry to Meghan Markle and Princess Eugenie to Jack Brooksbank all took place in the chapel.

Prince Philip's coffin will then be moved from the Royal Vault, where he was laid to rest in April last year, to join his wife of 73 years.

Following the interment of the Queen Mother in April 2002, St George's Chapel was opened to the public free of charge for a week to allow mourners to visit her final resting place.

Members of the public are usually only allowed into the chapel as part of a paid visit to the castle or if they are attending a service.

It is unclear if the same will happen following the Queen's burial but those who want to pay their respects after the funeral are being advised to check the official Royal Family websites for updates.

Construction of St George's Chapel began in 1475 and was completed 50 years later.

In April last year, it was the venue for the funeral of her husband Prince Philip.

It has been a final resting place for more than 40 members of the Royal Family over the centuries. Queen Elizabeth II will become the first female sovereign to be interred there.



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle were married in St George's Chapel in May 2018  
JONATHAN BRADY/PA

## SOCIETY

## MPs launch campaign to create a bank holiday for the Queen

By Paul Gallagher

MPs are calling for an annual "Queen Elizabeth Day" bank holiday to remember Her Majesty's reign.

The campaign to have a new bank holiday on 8 September – the date of the Queen's death – is being led by former Conservative leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith.

Meanwhile, an online petition in support of a new "Queen Elizabeth Day" has already been signed by more than 142,000 people. Sir Iain (inset) has lobbied Number 10 to support the idea and will rally cross-party support when MPs return to Parliament this week after the Queen's funeral today.

He said: "We would want all the countries of the United Kingdom to celebrate on the same day. I would hope it would be a joyful celebration, as she would want it, of all the things

she represented in her life – her love of her country, her ability to bring people together, her decency, her kindness and her sense of fun. All of these things could be commemorated on one day of the year."

Tory MP Tobias Ellwood, the chairman of the Commons defence committee, and Labour's Khalid Mahmood have backed the call.

Historian and broadcaster Dan Snow is also supporting the campaign. He said: "This is a chance to mark our history and help define our future. We haven't always been great as a country at celebrating what binds us together. This is a moment to change that and create a day that will represent the principles of togetherness and service that Her Majesty personified."



John Wilson, who created the petition, said: "Queen Elizabeth II is our longest-reigning monarch, and arguably the nation's, and the world's, most popular ever monarch.

"In the words of [French] President Macron: 'To you, she was your Queen; to us, she was the Queen, the most constant symbol of Great Britain'. She was an inspirational woman."

"Britain has fewer bank holidays than most European countries: France has 11 compared with our eight; Spain has 14. I believe we need a new public bank holiday to mark our greatest sovereign's lifetime. A day for our nation to come together and celebrate both the life of the Queen and our gratitude for the institution of our Royal Family."

By Steve Robson

The Queen should be honoured with statues around the country and a "landmark" in central London, campaigners have said.

The Public Statues and Sculpture Association (PSSA) suggested the public would want permanent memorials where they can pay their respects to the country's longest-serving monarch in the future.

Ministers and royal officials are reported to be set to hold talks on creating a permanent memorial on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square. There are currently no visual monuments to her reign in London.

Queen Victoria, whose reign Queen Elizabeth II surpassed, is honoured with at least 10 statues around London, as well as an Underground train line,

and has countless pubs named after her. Several statues of the Queen exist elsewhere in the UK, including a bronze sculpture of her next to a mare and foal in Newmarket, in recognition of her love of thoroughbreds, and another by Douglas Jennings in Gravesend, Kent.

But Joanna Barnes, co-chair of the PSSA, told **i**: "We would love to see some statues of her go up in important places. When Queen Victoria died there were a lot of statues raised."

"The affection and love for the Queen is so strong all over the country, I think people will want the same," she said.

Statues are generally decided by local councils.

If the statue depicts a public figure it may need to be signed off by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.



## LEGAL

## Charles seeks to remove 'non-working' counsellors

By Patrick Grafton-Green

King Charles III wants the law changed so that counsellors of state are all working members of the Royal Family, it has been reported.

Counsellors of state are called upon to carry out official duties for the monarch should they fall ill or be absent abroad.

These include the monarch's spouse and the next four people in line to the throne who are aged 21 or over. For King Charles, they are his wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, his sons the Prince of Wales and Duke of Sussex, his brother the Duke of York and his niece Princess Beatrice.

However, *The Sunday Telegraph* reported that the King is likely to take steps to have the law changed, in a move that would sideline Prince Andrew after he was removed from



royal duties. Prince Harry and Princess Beatrice (*Inset*), who are also not working royals, would no longer be eligible for the role.

The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, is older than Prince Andrew but is not a counsellor of state because until recently male heirs have taken precedence in succession. This was abolished by a 2013 Act, but only applies to those who were born after 28 October 2011.

Royal experts have previously told *i* that existing protocol required a "radical rethink", although any change would require legislation enacted by the UK Parliament.

Counsellors of state are rarely called upon, although in May, King Charles, who was then Prince of Wales, aided by Prince William, stood in for the Queen during the state opening of Parliament.

## ANALYSIS

# From Scotland to stand-ins: challenges for the new King

**Hugo Gye**



For 70 years, Elizabeth II did her best to avoid political controversy. One reason for her popularity was her ability to stay above the fray – most of the time.

Her son, King Charles III, has been more willing to engage with politics, letting his views be known on the environment, architecture and more.

He has promised that, as monarch, he will follow his mother's example and seek to stay out of political debate entirely. But, as the UK's constitution comes under continued strain, the King may find it hard to avoid being embroiled in the arguments to come.

## SCOTLAND

Charles's biggest challenge, experts agree, will be dealing with the growth in pro-independence sentiment in Scotland – particularly if there is a second referendum and Scots vote to break up the Union.

"One of the important things that the monarchy stands for is the unity of the nation," Robert Hazell, professor of government and the constitution at University College London, said. Even the late Queen found herself breaching her treasured neutrality when it came to the Union, he added – for example when she told voters to "think carefully about the future" before the 2014 referendum.

"Almost by default, or by necessity, the monarchy is unionist," Professor Hazell said. "It's the one issue on which it is really hard to be neutral." Scotland leaving the UK would be "a huge blow to the prestige of the monarchy", he suggested.

Robert Ford, professor of political science at the University of Manchester, pointed out that Nicola Sturgeon has not repeated her demand for independence since the death of the Queen but predicted that an economic crisis could change that. "If we have a very difficult winter, then perhaps the wind gets back into the sails of that scheme," he said.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

Even in the era of peace in Northern Ireland, so warmly welcomed by the Queen and now by her son, its place in the Union is far from assured.

Vernon Bogdanor, professor of government at King's College London, said census results published this month are expected to show that Catholics are a majority of the population in Northern Ireland for the first time.

Professor Ford said: "I think the

most under-reported political issue in these isles broadly conceived right now is the possibility of a Sinn Féin-led government in Dublin after the next election in Ireland. All the polling shows, and has done for some time, that that is at present the likeliest outcome... It's going to be interesting to see how the monarchy under King Charles is going to navigate that."

He added that the Queen had also shown support for devolution within the UK, for example going in person to open each session of the Scottish and Welsh parliaments, and questioned whether the new King would continue that approach.

## COMMONWEALTH

The number of Commonwealth nations that have retained the British sovereign as their head of state has been shrinking over the years, and looks likely to decrease further over the coming years.

It is unclear whether affection for the monarchy will now diminish in the Commonwealth, Professor Ford argued, because of how long the institution has been bound up with the Queen herself. He said: "We're all left in a situation of radical uncertainty about how different sectors of the public are going to perceive the monarchy."

Professor Bogdanor suggested that some of the realms may seek to cast off their "non-resident head of state", adding: "In a way it doesn't matter, if they remain in the Commonwealth, but it would mean that the monarchy itself would become much more a British monarchy."

Reducing the number of countries where King Charles III reigns could be a very visible symbol of Britain's waning influence – but it may also, according to Professor Hazell, be a "relief" for Buckingham Palace, allowing the Royal Household to focus solely on the UK.

## DOMESTIC POLITICS

The UK's largely unwritten constitution continues to allow for a significant role for the monarch in politics. King Charles will be keen to avoid being embroiled in any such situations, but at times it may prove unavoidable.

One danger point, Professor

Ford said, may come in the event of "a very evenly divided hung Parliament" after the next general election, which will probably happen in 2024, where it was unclear whether Liz Truss or Sir Keir Starmer was better placed to command a majority in the House of Commons.

"That does potentially sail us into one of those constitutional grey areas where there would be the potential for disruption possibly because of the new monarch," he said. Charles may have to choose which of the two main party leaders should have first go at forming a Government, or ask them to return to the polls for another election.

But Professor Bogdanor predicted that the King would do his best to stay out of the situation – pointing to the precedent the Queen set in 2010 when she stayed away from London while David Cameron and Gordon Brown were trying to cobble together a majority. "No one knows better his role than he does," the academic said.

## ROLE OF THE CROWN

One political issue that inevitably involves the monarch is the question of the law that governs the Royal Household. In recent days, there has been a fresh public outcry over the Duke of York's role as a counsellor of state, which enables him to fulfil the duties of the monarch in certain circumstances such as the state opening of Parliament – even though he has stepped away from his royal roles.

The identity of the counsellors of state is fixed in law by the Regency Act 1937: they are the sovereign's spouse and the four adults closest in line to the throne, who are the Prince of Wales, Duke of Sussex, Prince Andrew and Princess Beatrice. The legislation should be rapidly amended to change the list of counsellors, according to Professor Hazell, with Princess Anne one of those who could be added: "Andrew would be publicly unacceptable... and Harry spends most of his time far away and therefore wouldn't be a very effective counsellor of state if he is in California. I think they will need to introduce emergency legislation early, in order to create some new counsellors of state."



The King with Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister, Michelle O'Neill, in Belfast last week  
NIALL CARSON/ AFP/GETTY

## POLITICS

# Chancellor expected to add tax sweeteners to mini-Budget package

By Jane Merrick and Chloe Chaplain

Kwasi Kwarteng is expected to announce tax sweeteners in the mini-Budget on Friday in what will be seen as a counterbalance to the anger caused by removing the cap on bankers' bonuses.

The Prime Minister, Liz Truss, and her new Chancellor are keen to regain the initiative on the cost of living and economic growth following the mourning period for the death of the Queen, during which politics was put on hold for 10 days.

While the primary purpose of the mini-Budget is to implement pledges Ms Truss made during her leadership campaign, including the reversal of the national insurance rise and the freeze to corporation tax, the Chancellor is considering going further on tax cuts in a bid to

**{i}** Ms Truss's £150bn energy policy announcement, which will **limit the typical household bills to £2,500 a year for two years**, was unveiled in the Commons hours before the news broke of the Queen's death.

boost economic growth. The extra fiscal measures could be unveiled on Friday or trailed ahead of a full Budget later in the financial year, before the end of March 2023, insiders said.

Mr Kwarteng is also expected to confirm in the mini-Budget his controversial plan to lift the cap on bankers' bonuses, in a bid to stimulate the economy.

Some Conservative MPs believe this measure should be matched by help for ordinary workers and fami-

lies that goes beyond the package to cap energy bills, unveiled by Ms Truss before the Queen's death.

One Tory MP said it was "right" that extra help for families should go hand in hand with increasing bankers' bonuses.

Plans being considered by Mr Kwarteng include fast-tracking the 1p cut to income tax, from 20p to 19p in the pound, announced by former chancellor Rishi Sunak earlier this year. That is scheduled to come into force in March 2024 but could be brought forward to this year to drive up growth and help people weather the cost of living.

He may also look at raising the thresholds for the basic and higher rates of income tax.

The Chancellor is understood to be preparing to unveil new "investment zones", where local businesses could be offered cuts to rates in a bid to stimulate growth in under-developed areas.

It was also reported that people living and working in those areas could face extra income tax cuts.

The plans in the mini-Budget will be a massive gamble at a time when the UK could already be in recession, inflation remains high and interest rates are set to go up further this week.



Protesters, including medical staff, doctors and scientists, outside No 10 yesterday LOIC VENANCE/AFP/GETTY

## Key pledges Measures that may be on the way

The mini-Budget will set into motion many of the key pledges made by Liz Truss during the Conservatives' leadership campaign.

### Tax cuts

Plans to scrap the increase in national insurance and cancel the incoming rise in corporation tax are expected to be confirmed.

The Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, is poised to announce new "investment zones", intended to work like Rishi Sunak's free ports but with a promised addition of more investment for homebuilding.

Reports have suggested that these zones could also include tax cuts for local businesses and residents.

### Energy package

The Chancellor is due to outline the estimated cost, and funding plan, for an energy package to cap bills at £2,500 for the next two years.

The Business Secretary, Jacob Rees-Mogg, is expected to set out details of the Government's plans to help companies through the energy crisis.

### Bankers' bonus

It has also been suggested that the Chancellor will pursue a controversial proposal of scrapping the cap – of 200 per cent of salary – on bankers' bonuses in a move towards post-Brexit deregulation.

Chloe Chaplain

## Analysis

# Economic plan is a massive gamble at time of high inflation

Jane Merrick



when ordinary families are struggling with the cost of living.

Allies of the Chancellor insist that lifting the bonus cap will stimulate much needed growth as the country teeters on the brink of recession.

But Conservative MPs believe that the Government needs to balance help for the richest people of society with support for the poorest and those on middle incomes.

It was, of course, a pure accident of timing, but all of the political capital that Ms Truss and her new Government could have gained from the £150bn package to limit householders' energy bills to £2,500 for two years was swallowed up by the Queen's death, the accession of the King and preparations for the late monarch's funeral.

But those energy bill measures will be reiterated this week – and

opposition parties are expected to demand more details over how the package will be paid for.

Ms Truss had always pledged during her leadership campaign during the summer to unveil an emergency Budget to implement her plans to reverse Rishi Sunak's national insurance rise and freeze corporation tax.

Mr Kwarteng's mini-Budget will do just that. But it is expected to go even further, with additional tax cuts believed to be under consideration, including reducing the income tax burden for millions of people.

The aim of cutting taxes would be to boost economic growth in order for the UK – which could already be in recession – to avoid facing a potentially long-lasting downturn.

However giving people more money will not only help to alleviate the cost of living, it will be a massive gamble from Ms Truss and Mr Kwarteng at a time when inflation remains high.

There are also reportedly no plans to increase social welfare benefits, meaning those facing the worst effects of high inflation will still be disproportionately squeezed by the current economic climate.

## PEOPLE

# Truss adviser denies being investigated over 'bribery'

By Chloe Chaplain  
POLITICAL REPORTER

Liz Truss's senior adviser has denied being investigated over an alleged plot to bribe a US politician and influence an election in Puerto Rico.

Mark Fullbrook, the Downing Street chief of staff, has been interviewed by the FBI over alleged election bribes made by a London-based banker. But he denies ever having been a suspect and said he has been interviewed as a witness by police.

The allegations relate to claims of bribery made against Tory donor and banker Julio Herrera Velutini, who is accused of offering money to Puerto Rico's governor Wanda

Vazquez Garced. He is alleged to have offered \$300,000 to help her win re-election on the condition she sacked a financial watchdog investigating his bank.

Court records suggest the money was paid through CT Group, the Australian-British lobbying firm founded by Sir Lynton Crosby and where Mr Fullbrook worked as chief global project officer at the time.

Mr Fullbrook denies any knowledge of the alleged attempted bribery and said he had only become aware once approached by law enforcement in April 2022.

His spokesman said: "Mark Fullbrook is a witness in this matter." No 10 declined to comment.

**A**s soon as the national mourning period for the Queen is over, there will be no let-up for Liz Truss.

The Prime Minister will fly to New York this evening for the United Nations General Assembly and her first official talks with President Joe Biden.

But it is her Government's plans for the cost of living crisis that will put her under the most pressure domestically this week.

On Friday, Kwasi Kwarteng will unveil a mini-Budget, his first set-piece statement as Chancellor. It has been widely trailed that he will lift the cap on bankers' bonuses – a hugely controversial move at a time



## HEALTH

## Doctors warn GP system 'could collapse' with winter pressures

By Sally Guyoncourt

Doctors are warning of a "torrid winter" as GP shortages, increased demand for appointments, winter pressures and vaccination programmes combine to push general practice to the brink of collapse.

A chronic shortage of GPs and an increasing demand for appointments has led to many practices running at or beyond capacity over the summer, a usually quieter period in primary healthcare.

According to an analysis of NHS data by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), the number of fully qualified, full-time GPs in England has fallen from 28,590 in September 2015 to 26,922 as of May 2022.

NHS pension rules have pushed some GPs to reduce their hours or retire early to avoid large tax bills.

Dr Kieran Sharrock, the deputy chairman of the British Medical Association's England GP committee, said: "The combined pressures of Covid and flu, as well as the enormous NHS backlog,

### Costs driving cohabiting

Thousands of couples are thinking of moving in together in order to cope with the cost of living crisis.

Rising rents and soaring energy bills are forcing young couples to hit important milestones earlier than planned, with experts saying that this could "end up sacrificing the long-term success of the relationship".

A survey of 4,909 renters by the flatshare website Spareroom found that almost one in four were considering moving in with their partner to cope with soaring bills.

Bills have increased by an additional £100 a month for 39 per cent of those surveyed and over £200 a month for one in 10.

Kate Mansfield, a relationship coach, said couples who were feeling the pinch should "have regular talks about your vision for your financial life and then work together as a team to achieve this".

threaten to shatter our fragile health service."

Professor Martin Marshall (inset), chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners Council, said most practices were already working "above full capacity" and unless issues were addressed "we will end up with the system collapsing".

The BMA has called for extra workforce this winter, NHS Reserves and additional vaccinators, to help with the vaccination programme and ease pressure on GPs.

Thérèse Coffey, the new Health and Social Care Secretary, has spoken of her four "A, B, C, D" priorities for the health service: reducing ambulance delays, busting the Covid backlog, improving care, and increasing the number of doctors and dentists.

The Department of Health and Social Care said that it was increasing capacity, boosting 111 and 999 support, tackling delayed discharge and innovations such as virtual wards.



Boris Johnson's policy during her first speech, and there is now concern among northern leaders about her Government's commitment to tackling regional inequality.

Ms Truss has committed to building Northern Powerhouse Rail in full and the appointment of Simon Clarke, the MP for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, as Levelling Up Secretary was warmly received.

However, Mr Clarke (inset) arrives amid fears that the £4.8bn Levelling Up Fund is already vastly oversubscribed and in need of more cash because of rising construction costs.

The winning bids for the first round of funding were announced last October, with 105 projects including a link road for the A50 in Derbyshire, a leisure centre in Newcastle and a market hall in Barrow totalling £1.7bn.

But figures obtained by local government researcher Jack Shaw found that only £107m – less than 3 per cent of the total figure – had been spent by 31 March. Originally it was hoped £600m would be spent by then, before the target was lowered to £200m. A Government spokesman said: "We are working closely with all levels of Government to see improvements delivered through our Levelling Up, Towns and High Streets funds."

**i** During her leadership campaign, Ms Truss said looking at the economy "through the lens of redistribution" was wrong, and that **there would be "difficult and unpopular decisions" ahead.**

## POLICY

## 'Levelling up' hit by rising inflation as funding for projects runs out

By Steve Robson  
NORTHERN REPORTER

The Government's "levelling up" agenda could be under threat because of soaring inflation, with fears that projects will slip down Liz Truss's list of priorities.

Millions of pounds already allocated to projects might not be enough to cover construction costs, which soared by 15 per cent in recent months and could yet rise even further, according to industry insiders.

An i review of successful levelling up bids found that few projects have begun construction, with many still subject to public consultations or planning approval.

Tim Heatley, co-founder of the developer Capital & Centric, said his company had been agreeing a price with a builder for a levelling up project before costs made it no longer viable.

Mr Heatley said a building contractor warned him: "If you don't sign this contract and fix this price with us in the next couple of days, it will go up by £3m". He added: "Until energy costs come back down and there's a lot more certainty in construction prices, schemes will fail."

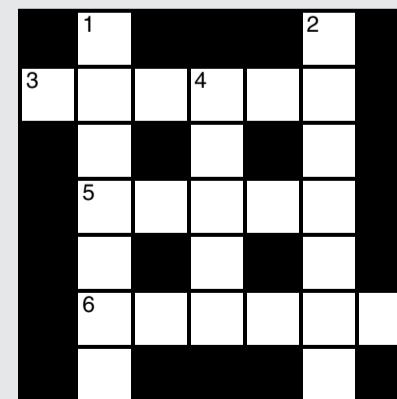
Mr Heatley believes local authorities that are being handed cash directly by central Government are particularly vulnerable to escalating costs. He said: "They've got pressures elsewhere in terms of revenue. Unless the Levelling Up Fund puts extra cash in, some of these things just won't happen."

It is understood that Whitehall officials are working with councils to address concerns about the effect of inflation and "stands ready" to help.

However, the Prime Minister failed to mention her predecessor



### The Five-Clue Cryptic Crossword No 3688



## Across

3/5 Earnest epic creation to express an appropriate message (4,2,5)

6 Left with one monarch's fondness (6)

## Down

1 Record I left in English river, showing great sadness (7)

2 Soldier possibly supported by the Princess Royal, upset, one feels (7)

4 Express gratitude for the heralds announcing new king initially (5)

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## UKRAINE

# ‘Torture chambers’ found in Kharkiv following liberation

By Elena Becatoros and Leo Correa

Ukraine has alleged more than 10 “torture chambers” have been found in the country’s north-east Kharkiv region after Russian forces were pushed back last week, as the EU presidency called for an international tribunal.

Authorities made grisly discoveries in Ukraine’s recently liberated towns and villages, including a dank basement room where metal bars cordon off a corner to create a large cell with dirty sleeping bags and styrofoam for insulation.

Ukrainian authorities said the room in Kozacha Lopan was a makeshift prison where Russian forces abused detainees before Ukrainian

troops swept through the village in a major counter-offensive. President Volodymyr Zelensky said more than 10 such “torture chambers” have been discovered in claims that could not be independently confirmed.

Kozacha Lopan, whose edge lies just over a mile from the Russian border, was retaken by Ukrainian forces on 11 September.

In a statement posted on Saturday on its Telegram channel, the prosecutor’s office of the Kharkiv region, in whose jurisdiction Kozacha Lopan lies, said the room was used as a torture cell and an investigation was being conducted. It said Russian forces had set up a local police force that ran the prison, adding that documents confirming the function-

ing of the police department and implements of torture had been seized.

Images the prosecutors released showed a Russian military TA-57 telephone with additional wires and alligator clips attached to it. Ukrainian officials have accused Russian forces of using the Soviet-era radio telephones as a power source to electrocute prisoners during interrogation.

In his nightly address on Saturday, Mr Zelensky mentioned a railway station in Kozacha Lopan, where he said “a room for torture and tools for electric torture was found”.

It comes as the Czech Republic, which holds the EU rotating presidency called for an international tribunal over Russia’s invasion of Ukraine after the discovery of hundreds of graves in Izium, which has also been recently liberated by Ukrainian troops.

“We stand for the punishment of all war criminals,” the Czech foreign minister, Jan Lipavsky, said. “In the 21st century, such attacks against the civilian population are unthinkable and abhorrent. We must not overlook it. We stand for the punishment of all war criminals. I call for the speedy establishment of a special international tribunal that will prosecute the crime of aggression.”

The burial site is believed to contain more than 440 graves including civilian adults and children, as well as soldiers, showing signs of violent deaths, some possibly from torture.

## PEOPLE

## Joy and grief as residents return to recaptured town

By Vitalii Hnidyi

Joy, trepidation and grief flickered across the face of Nataliia Yelistratova as she sat on a special train back to their home town of Balaklia that Ukraine recaptured last week after six months of Russian occupation.

The town is one of the key urban outposts that Ukraine recaptured in Kharkiv after a sudden collapse of one of Russia’s principal front lines.

Smiling, Ms Yelistratova said: “My mood is great, we’re so happy right now.” No sooner had she said this that she began to cry.

“I’m being overwhelmed by my emotions. We haven’t been

at home for five months,” she said and turned to assure her husband: “I’m not crying, I’m fine.”

Ms Yelistratova was travelling 50 miles from Kharkiv with her husband and daughter on one of the special trains laid on for residents wishing to return.

Engine driver Maksym Kharchenko said the already busy routes are so people can “see what had happened to their homes, to check whether they’re destroyed or not.”

Once back in their apartment, the family began to inspect the damage. Within minutes, Ms Yelistratova had found a piece of shrapnel in a wall.

**Five civilians were killed in Russian attacks in the eastern Donetsk region over the past day and in Nikopol dozens of buildings, gas pipelines and power lines were hit, regional governors said yesterday.**

## MILITARY

## Soldiers search for bodies in Ukraine’s liberated areas

By Elena Becatoros and Leo Correa

A team of soldiers have been risking their lives in Ukraine’s recently liberated areas to recover bodies and record site details that could help with war crime investigations.

There are still bodies on the battlefield, lying where they fell as Ukrainian troops swept through Russian-occupied territory in a major counter-offensive this month.

In this north-eastern corner of Ukraine, the Russian army was pushed back across the border into Russia. But artillery shells still whistle through the air, fired from

inside Russia and landing on Ukrainian territory.

Despite the shelling, a small group of soldiers made their way along a rutted mud track to where a dead Ukrainian combatant lay, spotted by a drone used to search for bodies and shallow graves.

“It’s a risk. We are always risking our lives and at any moment there might be some shell flying in from the territory of Russia,” said Vitalii, a commander in the National Guard whose men are searching for bodies of servicemen and of civilians. He asked to be identified by his first name only for security reasons. The

dead Ukrainian was lying on his back in body armour and helmet. The body had been there for a long time.

They documented the scene and lifted the remains into a body bag before heading along the track to a charred Russian tank. It took only one of the team to carry away the body bag holding the remains of the Russian inside.

Autopsies will follow, and the details of the sites recorded and passed on to investigators looking into potential war crimes, Vitalii said.

The nearby village of Kozacha Lopan, whose edge lies just over a mile from the Russian border, was retaken by Ukrainian forces 11 September. Vitalii said the team is also hunting for graves of possible victims of what authorities say was a makeshift prison where detainees were abused. AP



**Soldiers outside Izium, which was recently liberated by Ukrainian forces**

JUAN BARRETO/AFP

## SOCIETY

## ‘Protecting queer people helped me to accept myself’

LGBT+ people in Ukraine face risks that go beyond the threat of war. By **Finbarr Toesland**

“Please remember to not take any photos that could identify the location of the shelter,” says Maxim Potapovych, of Ukraine LGBT+ rights organisation, Kyiv Pride, as he navigates deserted back alleys in an unremarkable area of the capital.

After a few minutes, Maxim reaches the entrance at one of

several LGBT+ shelters that his organisation operates across the country.

Kyiv Pride was best known for organising marches and events, but this has changed since the war began. “The full-scale invasion showed that Kyiv Pride is bigger than just a Pride organisation,” he said.

Six people can stay in this shelter at any one time. Some residents are passing through and only need to be there for a few days, while others remain for weeks.

A lot of people who come to the shelter are from east Ukraine, which includes areas like Kharkiv and Mariupol that are under heavy artillery attack, Maxim tells i.



From food vouchers to medication and job advice, there are few things that the shelter does not provide for its guests. He even points out boxes of clothes where people can pick out outfits for job interviews or for just walking around the city.

Igor has been staying at the shelter for 12 days, after leaving a small town in the Donbas region. He was part of the Territory Defence, where he helped to build checkpoints and patrolled after curfew, but when this work dried up, he decided to move to Kyiv to make himself of more use.

"It's better than I expected," Igor says. "I like Kyiv, it's a cool place. I hope all the people who left to Europe come back and restore the economy after the war."

Ilona, another shelter guest, recently returned to Kyiv from Ireland as she wanted to finish her education at a theatre school. After facing homophobia from relatives, Ilona found the shelter on a Kyiv Pride social media account and asked if she could stay as she wanted to be in a safe place.

"The country itself changed a lot and people change as well. The first thing I thought was, what are these things - I call them snowflakes," she said in reference to the anti-tank obstacles that are now commonplace across Kyiv. "My

native town is being shelled almost every day, you can feel that the country is at war."

In between creating content for social media, Maxim also helps out wherever he is needed, like running events for the shelter. He joined Kyiv Pride three years ago when he was a student, around the time he began to accept himself as being gay.

"Since I was a child, I've had a really strong feeling of [helping] others who are suffering. I started to think that I could protect queer people in Ukraine - it helped me to

accept me and feel more free to be myself," he said.

LGBT+ activists in the country face risk of attack in addition to war. The almost daily sound of air-raid sirens serve as a constant reminder to Ukrainians in relatively safe cities such as Lviv and Kyiv that the threat of a deadly bombing is only minutes away. For LGBT+ activists, these fears are compounded by the very real danger of targeted anti-gay attacks.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, millions of people have left the country seeking safe



LGBTQ+ activists have set up shelters across the country to help those who may need mental or physical support SERGEI SUPINSKY/AFP/GETTY

harbour. But some members of Ukraine's LGBT+ community have stayed behind to offer support to other LGBT+ people who need aid the most.

Olena Shevchenko, the founder of Insight, a Ukrainian LGBT+ non-governmental organisation, was filling a bus with humanitarian aid in April in the western city of Lviv when a man attacked her with pepper spray. "It's very simple to find the person who did this because of the video cameras - the police are just not that interested."

The Nash Mir centre, which is home to an LGBT+ group that tracks anti-gay attacks, was ransacked in March, after unknown assailants broke in and physically attacked staff.

Before the Russian invasion, Insight provided LGBT+ Ukrainians with support on hate crime court cases, worked with the state to implement non-discrimination laws and gave training to doctors to help them better understand the needs of LGBT+ clients.

Now, the organisation runs shelters and safe spaces for LGBT+ people, with two in Lviv that accommodate 55 people. "We also have 24/7 hotlines and psychological support. Our

**I hope all the people who left to Europe come back and restore the economy after the war**

psychologists, they are also volunteers, are able to provide not just one consultation but help for a long time," adds Olena.

Hormones for transgender people, which are in short supply in Ukraine, and HIV medication are provided to those who need them.

When the war started, Tymur Levchuk, co-founder of LGBT+ organisation Fulcrum, opened shelters for LGBT+ people in Lviv. But these were closed in late July as Tymur realised that a different approach was needed to best support his community. "We realised that we don't have an LGBT+ organisation that solely helps people find a job, so we started a programme called Start from Scratch."

All the funding for the shelters was moved to this programme, where clients can get guidance at every level of the work process from checking applications, improving work experience and gaining new skills. Fulcrum also includes online education in this package, which is typically in copywriting or information technology, as these sectors are still growing in the country.

Tymur felt extremely burnt out from the effects of war, with the first few months being an acute crisis for him and his team.

"We were not in a good place, mentally. But after this, I realised I'm still alive, I have food, so I can support other people now." Despite the unprecedented challenges facing Ukraine and the LGBT+ people who live there, Tymur is hopeful for the future. "I think after this war in Ukraine, we won't feel that [pro-gay] policies are not possible - nothing feels impossible now."

## EUROPE



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EU commissioner Johannes Hahn recommended the fund suspension

# Commission stops €7.5bn in funding to Hungary

By Lorne Cook

The European Union's executive branch recommended yesterday that the bloc suspend about €7.5bn (£6.51bn) in funding to Hungary over concerns about democratic backsliding and the possible mismanagement of EU money.

The European Commission, which proposes the bloc's laws and ensures they are respected, said it was acting "to ensure the protection of the EU budget and the financial interests of the EU against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary."

Johannes Hahn, EU commissioner for budget and administration, said that despite Hungary proposing to address the deficiencies, the commission recommends the suspension of funds "amounting to an estimated amount of €7.5bn".

The money would come from "cohesion funds" granted to Hungary. This money, one of the biggest slices of the bloc's budget, helps countries to bring their economies and infrastructure up to EU standards.

EU countries pay about 1 per cent of their gross national income into the budget. Hungary is slated to receive at least €50bn from the 2021-27 budget, according to estimates.

Any action to suspend the funds must be approved by the EU member countries, and this requires a "qualified majority", which amounts to 55 per cent of the 27 members representing at least 65 per cent of the total EU population. They have one month to decide whether to freeze Hungary's funds, but can in exceptional circumstances extend to two.

The commission is recommending that the member countries take until 19 November to allow Hungary more time to address the concerns.

For nearly a decade, the commission has accused Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán of dismantling democratic institutions, taking control of the media, and threatening minority rights. Mr Orbán, who has been in office since 2010, denies the accusations.

Speaking after a meeting of EU commissioners in Brussels, which unanimously endorsed the move, Mr Hahn welcomed Hungary's offer to fix the problem, saying that its proposed remedial action goes "in the right direction". AP

# Opinion

## Quote of the day



I don't get it but I'm glad. Who wouldn't be glad? Hey, it took a long time

**Stanley Tucci**  
The actor on being called a sex symbol at the age of 60

### MONARCHY'S TRANSITION



After all the mourning, we move on

#### **Sunday Mirror**

As the curtain drops on the Elizabethan age, we must brace ourselves for the one about to begin. Ever since the Queen's death was announced, the outside world barely got a look-in. But the Queen would have been the first to say we should not dwell on the past, and this most progressive of monarchs would want us to now turn our faces to the future. (Editorial)

#### **Sunday Express**

That mourners come from all corners of this country is the legacy this monarch passes to her son, the true face of the nation: a United Kingdom. (Nick Ferrari)

### QUEUE FOR THE QUEEN



A very British tradition observed

#### **The Mail on Sunday**

Quietly, patiently, with stoicism and good humour, with sandwiches and Thermos flasks, with fold-up chairs and umbrellas. Standing, doing their solemn duty as she always did, come rain or shine. In some ways there is no more fitting tribute to a British Queen. (Sarah Vine)

#### **The Sun on Sunday**

Many of those privileged to have paid their respects will have waited more than 24 hours to do so. This was a world away from the shrill hysteria of the social media age. Public pomp met private reflection in a prevailing calmness. (Editorial)

### LIZ TRUSS'S LEADERSHIP



Is this the time for her to be bold?

#### **Daily Star Sunday**

Later this week, we will have a stone-cold reminder of the trouble our country is in. It's now time for Liz Truss to show her talent and imagination. It's hard to see how we get out of this mess. But that's why she is paid the big bucks. Go on, Liz. Surprise us. (Editorial)

#### **The Sunday Times**

Liz Truss and Kwasi Kwarteng have made growth the centrepiece of their administration and intend to announce policies this week designed to boost GDP. A serious downturn is heading our way. An audacious response may be the most effective defence. (Editorial)

### VLADIMIR PUTIN



Russian leader looks a bit rattled

#### **The New York Times**

Why is Vladimir Putin failing to win his war in Ukraine? The answers multiply: hubris, corruption and incompetence on the Russian side; military valour, canny leadership and American munitions on the Ukrainian side. (Ross Douthat)

#### **Sunday Telegraph**

His goals are shared by the political elites in Moscow and, as they watch the gulf widening between their objectives and his ability to deliver them, they will surely be wondering whether it's time to change horses. Putin cannot afford for this humiliation to continue. (Richard Kemp)

### SWEDEN'S ELECTION



Populist party wins major share of vote

#### **The Observer**

Sweden's first female prime minister lasted only a year in the post. Sweden has now joined the fate of many other European countries in which nationalist, anti-immigration parties have taken their seat at the negotiation table. (Drude Dahlerup)

#### **Washington Post**

Sweden's election is just the latest of a decade-long series of wake-up calls for Western elites. Most keep hitting the snooze button hoping the national populist challenge goes away. Time to wake up and face the music or get swept away by an angry rising tide. (Henry Olsen)

### ROGER FEDERER



He embodied the ideal tennis player

#### **The Athletic**

To appreciate Federer's true genius, we must not only appreciate his talent but also marvel at the way he remained brilliantly effective and thrilling to watch while transforming so many elements of his game. For all his incredible skill and self-belief, his continuing adaptations show he never thought he was above evolving his game. (Charlie Eccleshare)

#### **The Spectator**

Federer may not be the "best" tennis player of all time. But by a considerable distance, he is the one who came closest to embodying the ideal of how tennis should be played. (William Skidelsky)

## Life In Brief

### TIM PAGE BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Tim Page, the renowned British-Australian photographer who has died from liver cancer at the age of 78 at his home in Bellingen, New South Wales, was first pronounced dead in the 1960s.

The cause was then said to be his last injury in the Vietnam War (there were four altogether). Page had jumped out of a helicopter to help the wounded. Unfortunately, the person who jumped out before him stepped on a landmine. Page was declared dead on arrival at a nearby hospital and would spend most of the 70s in recovery in America because he needed substantial neurosurgery.

The Vietnam War offered photographers more freedom than any other conflict since. According to Page, photographers like him could travel with military units and leave as they pleased. His photos were used by major

publications including the magazines *Paris Match* and *Time Life*.

When he returned to New York, Page saw that the photos he had taken were being used at anti-war demonstrations.

"There had never been that kind of instant coverage of conflict. I'm not saying photography stopped the Vietnam War, I think it contributed to swaying public opinion. It seemed to have a creeping effect on the American psyche," he said in a 2014 interview.

But covering the conflict took its toll on photographers and others that were there to report on its horrors. Page's friend Sean Flynn, a photojournalist, went missing in Cambodia and Page founded the IndoChina Media Memorial Foundation to honour the memories of the 320 journalists from all sides who died covering the conflict in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Page took photos across the world –

at Notting Hill Carnival in London, at a Jordanian refugee camp during the six-day war between Arabs and Israelis in 1967, and in Cambodia in the 70s. His story was told in documentaries and the photojournalist in the 1979 film *Apocalypse Now* was inspired by him.

Tim Page was born John Spencer Russell in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. He did not know his birth mother, and his biological father was killed in a torpedo attack while serving with the Royal Navy in the Arctic during the Second World War. Page was adopted as a baby by John and Fane Page and raised in Orpington.

He left England at 17 in 1962 to make his way overland through Europe, Pakistan, India, Burma, Thailand and Laos. Without money in Laos, he found work as an agricultural adviser for the US Agency for International Development. Having taught himself



photography, Page began work as a stringer in Laos for United Press International and Agence France-Presse. His exclusive pictures of an attempted coup d'état in Laos in 1965 for UPI got him a staff position in the Saigon bureau of the news agency and he ended up covering the Vietnam War.

Page's three marriages ended in divorce. He had one child, Kit, from his relationship with Clare Clifford.

**Born** 25 May 1944  
**Died** 24 August 2022  
**Izin Akhabau**

## My View

Ian Birrell

# A prime minister unlike any other

Liz Truss will at least bring conviction and clarity to the role

**A**s she waited for her accession to the political crown, Liz Truss briefed that she would hit the ground running with a barrage of measures to define her reign. She knew that her name meant nothing to most members of the public. She had been catapulted into Downing Street with minimal enthusiasm from her party and was inheriting massive problems at home and abroad. "Her fate will be determined not in the first 100 days but the first 10," opined one Cabinet minister.

But then, of course, the Queen died two days into Truss's new job and politics was put on hold for the period of national mourning.

So all we saw of our new leader was a fascinating Prime Minister's Questions – at which she actually answered one of the queries from her Labour rival by ruling out a windfall tax on energy company profits – followed by her announcement of the energy price cap.

The jousting in Parliament between two dullish party leaders felt like a refreshing break after Boris Johnson's self-serving bluster and shallow boasts, with emergence of clear ideological divide and a focus on policy difference – although the biggest single fiscal intervention in peacetime history seemed at odds with all that small-state rhetoric that won Truss the keys to Downing Street from her party.

This week, following the funeral, politics will resume and we will get a clearer view of the fourth Tory prime minister in six years. Truss plans a blitz of policy initiatives in the four days before Parliament breaks up for party conferences, culminating in her Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng's mini-Budget on Friday.

There have been suggestions that the bill of rights, obesity strategy, gambling reforms and a cap on bankers' bonuses will all be abandoned. Johnson's increase in national insurance contributions and corporation tax will be ditched, adding another £30bn to the nation's massive debt pile. There was Sunday newspaper talk of a VAT cut and lifting income tax thresholds.

These announcements will shape Truss's premiership. First impressions are crucial and the public can make up its mind fast. Yet there seems consensus that will turn out to be a disaster as she tries to restore belief in Britain's future despite rising prices, a falling pound



It was noticeable how Liz Truss grew in confidence during her first Prime Minister's Questions UK PARLIAMENT/PA

and badly struggling public services – with just two years to make her mark before voters deliver their verdict at an election.

Britons seem despondent after more than a decade of Tory rule, with a majority telling pollsters that they expect her to be a poor or terrible leader. There is little excitement on Tory benches over their party's latest reset.

Labour is significantly ahead in polls, despite its dismal lack of policies and Sir Keir Starmer's low approval ratings. Truss's speaking style feels enervated. Even her awkward curtsey to the new King attracted derision.

It looks bad. Yet one prominent Labour figure told me that while Truss was the candidate they

most wanted to win the Tory leadership contest, he felt less sure on this view after observing her first steps in power. The public perspective on leaders is shaped in comparison to their rivals and predecessors. And he was intrigued by her "geeky" character, which he

thought might prove popular after the showboating of her boorish predecessor, and was impressed by her determination, ruthlessness and, above all, her ideological zeal.

"She is unlike any previous prime minister we have seen before," he said. And yes, he meant that as a positive comment.

Clearly Truss has been a victim of sexism: dismissed by many colleagues, derided by commentators and – according to one well-placed source – laughed at behind her back in Downing Street when proposing ideas to the previous regime.

She may seem gauche but even in that debut outing at PMQs, it was noticeable how she grew in confidence during the exchanges

**Corroded by populism, the Tory party is locked in a Maoist mindset of permanent insurgency**

with Starmer. She speaks directly, a potentially revolutionary approach in Westminster, and seems set on a mission to remould Britain by stripping back red tape, freeing business from regulation and reducing taxes.

She and Kwarteng claim to be fixated on boosting growth – even if proposed reforms are unpopular, such as letting energy firms make huge profits and bankers trouser vast bonuses – in their bid to improve the nation's competitiveness.

This is a risky strategy if they stick to it, especially with so little time before the next election. It is controversial, especially in challenging times when many families and most public services are struggling. Her party, corroded by populism, feels locked in a Maoist mindset of permanent insurgency.

There are aspects I dislike, fearing some measures to be economically foolish and that others will worsen inequality – even before Team Truss throws in any of the revolting anti-refugee and culture war rhetoric that scars their party.

But this was all outlined by the new leader and her Chancellor a decade ago in their book *Britannia Unchained*. And if they follow through with their low tax, light regulation vision of Singapore-upon-Thames, then at least there is a consistency returning to our government with serious leaders of both main parties. Truss might even force Labour back into policy-led opposition.

Despite being the longest-serving Cabinet minister, and for all her talk of delivery, Truss left little legacy in five previous Cabinet posts. So maybe I will rapidly be proved wrong and Truss will turn out to be another disaster in Downing Street, playing tawdry tribal games and subsumed by scandal while problems fester.

Or perhaps she will flip-flop all over the spectrum, shedding her latest ideology just like she abandoned the Liberal Democrats and her opposition to Brexit.

But right now, there is at least the glimmer of something interesting: a Prime Minister focused on growing her country's economy with coherent policies that spark a clash of ideas in Westminster.

Truss is betting that voters will respect a leader with conviction and clarity. Win or lose, this makes her potentially the most intriguing Tory leader this century.

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i reader Heather Morrison found Sir David Attenborough's new series 'Frozen Planet II' so upsetting that she had to turn it off BBC

## Right to hail Princess Royal

Serina Sandhu brought Princess Anne's quiet loyalty and steadfastness into the foreground ("Anne: the no-nonsense, trustworthy confidante", i, 17 September) – a relief from the reporting about her brothers and nephews that has dominated the media.

**PAT BRANDWOOD**  
POOLE, DORSET

## Memories of Covid return

Amid all the ceremony, the huge queues and the children and grandchildren holding their vigils around the Queen's coffin, we should perhaps not forget the many who died, in pain and alone, at the start of the pandemic, and the children and grandchildren who could not even attend their funerals.

**SALLY PARROTT**  
CRANLEIGH, SURREY

## Funeral rights and wrongs

Shame on Keith Green (Your View, 17-18 September) for his

ill-judged comments on the cost of the Queen's funeral. I am sure the thousands of citizens who lined the route of her coffin's journey to London and those who queued for hours and hours to pay their respects at Westminster Hall would not agree. Nor the millions who have been glued to their TV screens watching events as they unfolded.

Many thanks for the comprehensive, dramatic and sensitive way in which i has covered all of the events following the Queen's death and Charles's accession. Your team can be justly proud of their achievements.

**PHIL JEFFERSON**  
TETBURY,  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The extravagance of the Queen's funeral, when ordinary mortals are struggling to stave off hunger and the coming winter cold, is just a further demonstration of how detached and out of touch the Establishment and royals are with reality. Best argument ever for a republic.

**FRED ASPINALL**  
OSWESTRY,  
SHROPSHIRE

## Enjoy the pageantry

I am not an ardent royalist but I have been impressed by the pageantry, the civility and the efficiency of the transition between the Queen's demise and Charles's accession and have been emotionally affected to an extent.

However, my wife has been watching it on television 24/7 and I do feel that, in the manner of passive smoking, I have been subjected to an overdose of passive royalty and will welcome Tuesday with open arms.

**ROBIN LAMB**  
WOKINGHAM,  
BERKSHIRE

## The monarchy works well

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown declares that "No child should be born to rule" (Opinion, 16 September) and that "It is time for Britain to become a real democracy".

On the first assertion, there seems to be an implication that a child born to rule will become some sort of power-mad despot, which has hardly been the experience of

the UK. On the second point, she may be surprised to learn that a real democracy, for all its faults and failings, has existed in the UK for hundreds of years. Over these years it has changed and developed to the form we know today.

**BRUCE BUDD**

## Yasmin for president?

Andy Woolley's nomination of Yasmin Alibhai-Brown for the first president of our republic (Your View, 17-18 September) offers the strongest argument that I have ever heard for the maintenance of a monarchy.

**HELEN SIMPSON**  
EPPING, ESSEX

While it might be a nice idea for Yasmin Alibhai-Brown to become president, she would, of course, be unable to express her opinions. I think I would prefer to leave things as they are.

**PETER HANAWAY**  
BALDOCK,  
HERTFORDSHIRE

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown for president – please no! She only sees things through

her own, sometimes narrow, perspective; a president must be more circumspect. Fortunately, our constitutional monarchy recognises this and acts accordingly – and in its outpouring of grief for the passing of Elizabeth II, many people agree.

**C FLETCHER**  
BASILDON, ESSEX

## One rule for them...

"This Morning hosts Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield were given VIP passes to attend Westminster Hall" (The Page 3 Profile, 17-18 September). On behalf of those that queued in dignity and humility, patiently accepting their places, I'm just wondering... I'm sure there's an explanation...

**JONATHAN KAY**  
CAMBRIDGE

## Frozen Planet was horrible

I have to agree with Jessie Hewitson about David Attenborough's new series (Talking Point, 17-18 September). I was really looking forward to watching Frozen Planet

but it turned out to be so upsetting that I had to turn it off.

We all know about predators and their prey, but do we really have to watch it in such gory detail?

**HEATHER MORRISON**  
SOHAM,  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## Bankers' bonuses

Paul Waugh writes (i, 16 September) that Jacob Rees-Mogg could see the benefit to the Treasury of higher bonuses as 45 per cent goes to the Government in taxes. Only 45 per cent?

The marginal rate of income tax was 80 per cent in 1979, then 60 per cent until 1988 and there was no evidence that entrepreneurial flair was at a lower level than now.

**CHRIS LORD**  
WIRRAL

## Government must continue

Britain is facing the worst financial crisis in years and yet, by the end of the party conferences, we will have been without an effective government

and Parliament for nearly three months after the Tory leadership election and the death of the Queen. While there was one unavoidable circumstance – the Queen's death – it should not have resulted in the cessation of government.

**CHRIS SLIGHT**  
NEWPORT, WALES

## A comma out of place

Well said, Susie Dent, on the subject of the Oxford comma ("The Oxford comma is here to stay, and I'm fine with that", i weekend, 17-18 September). For centuries, punctuation was effectively non-existent. It was introduced gradually to clarify meaning, where ambiguity might arise, and should always do so.

Will pedants and self-important government ministers please take note.

**DAVID TURNER**  
ROTHERHAM,  
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Let's hope that if the new Health Secretary, Thérèse Coffey, decides to issue another edict, this time about colons, she will have it checked for ambiguity by Susie Dent in the interest of patient safety.

**EVA WOROBIEC**  
WAREHAM, DORSET

## Simple solution for Putin

Vladimir Putin is reported as telling India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, that he "will do everything possible" to end the conflict in Ukraine. Has the Russian President thought of just ceasing his unjustified action against an innocent people?

**ROGER MORGAN**  
EPSOM, SURREY

## Another farewell

Please may we have another bank holiday so that the nation can pause, reflect and blow a collective raspberry of good riddance to Boris Johnson?

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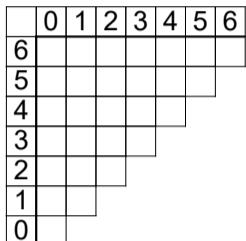
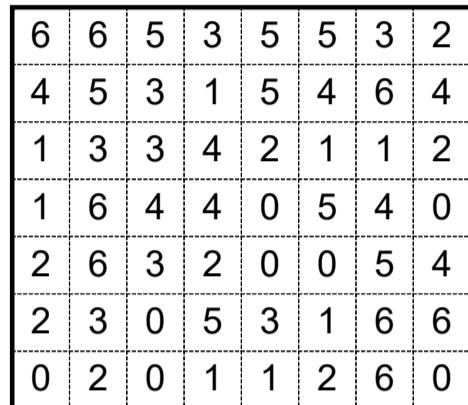


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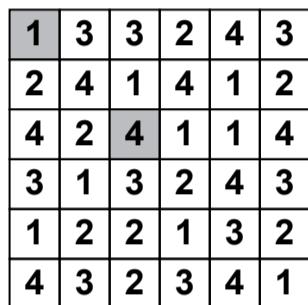
## Dominoes

**How to play** All of the 28 domino pieces from 0-0 through to 6-6 have been placed once into the grid. Can you work out where each of them is placed?



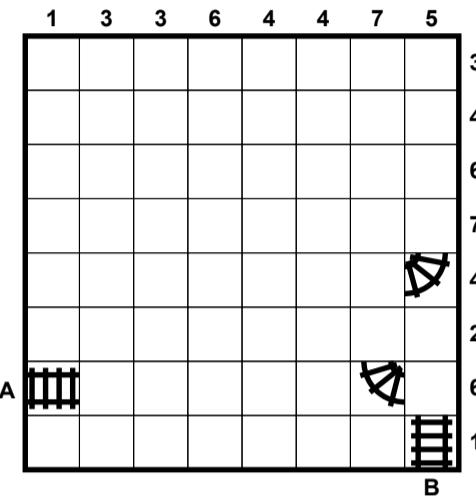
## Journey Finder

**How to play** Move between the numbers in order 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, starting with the grey 1 and ending with the grey 4. On each step you may move one square in any direction (including diagonally). You must form a continuous path that visits every square exactly once.



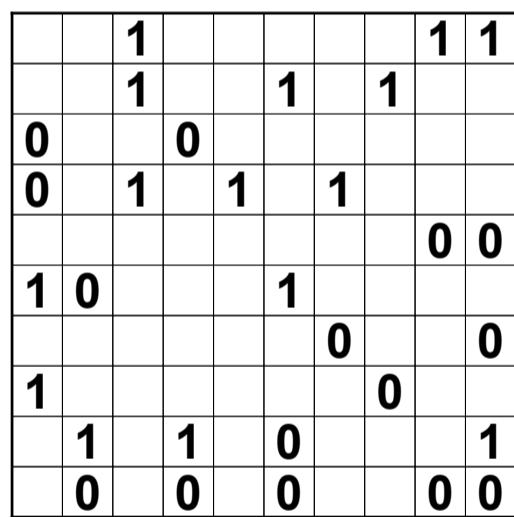
## Train Tracks

**How to play** Numbers around the outside indicate how many squares in each row and column the track passes through between A and B. The track either passes straight through a square or turns at right angles in it.



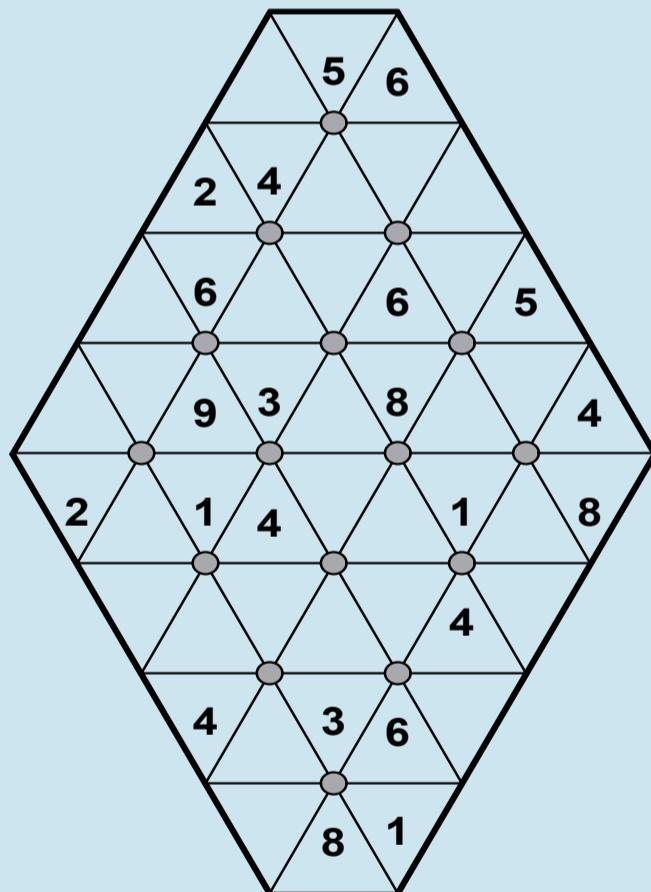
## Binary

**How to play** Complete the grid so that each row and column contains five 0s and five 1s. The same number cannot appear in more than two consecutive squares in any row or column. In the finished puzzle, each row must have a different sequence of 0s and 1s to any other row, and likewise for each column.



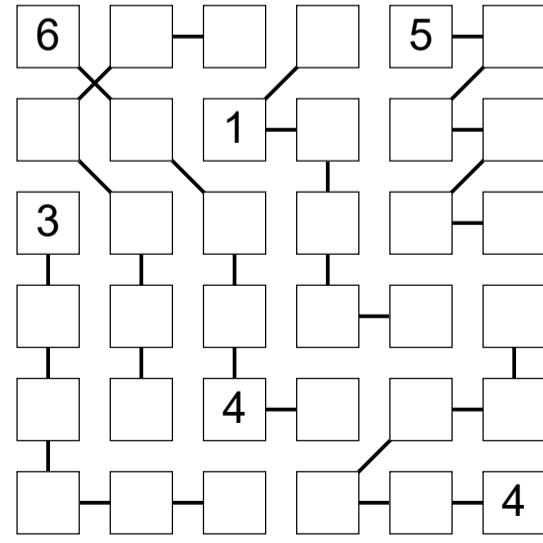
## Number Hexagon

**How to play** Each hexagon is divided into six triangles. The sum of these six triangles is always 25. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty triangle to complete the puzzle; you cannot repeat a number within a hexagon.



## Chain Link

**How to play** Place the numbers 1-6 in each row, column and along each series of squares linked by the chain.



## Pathfinder

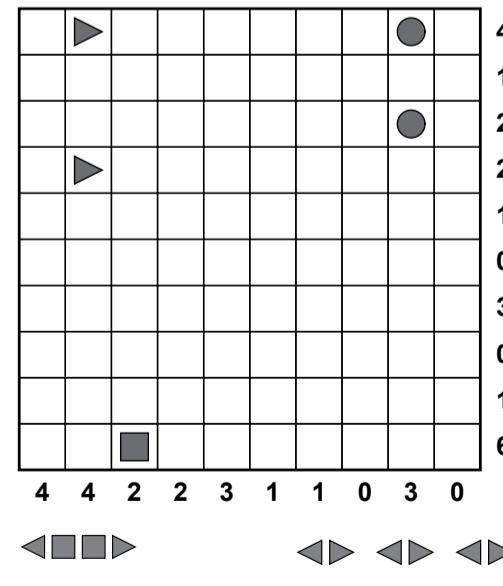
**How to play** Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you create a continuous path that visits every square once and spells out all the words listed to the right of the grid? Start on the shaded square.



Accuses  
Affluence  
Axial  
Cone  
Elixir  
Erode  
Falsify  
Jodhpurs  
Layman  
Leaps  
Objects  
Piquancy  
Settle  
Vignette  
Wolfhound

## Battleships

**How to play** Locate the position of each of the ships listed below in the grid. Numbers around the edge tell you the number of ship segments in each row and column of the puzzle. Ships are surrounded on all sides by water, including diagonally.

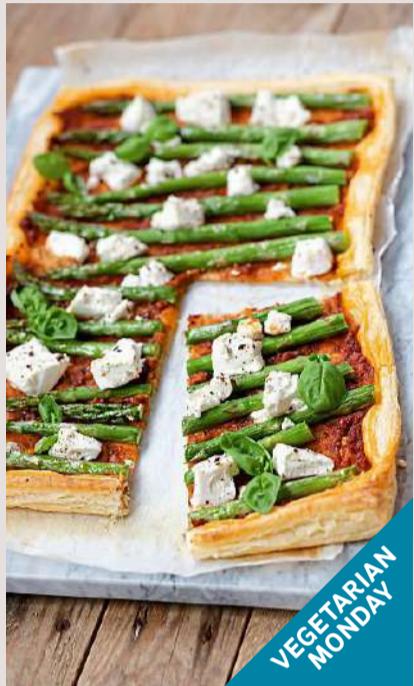


## Daily Quiz

- According to a survey by the travel company Eurocamp, what is the most popular home comfort that Britons like to take abroad with them?
- The new Elton John and Britney Spears collaboration, "Hold Me Closer", is a mash-up of which two previous Elton John hits?
- What term, coined in 1984, grew out of the practice of fans dressing up to attend science-fiction conventions?
- In Warner Brothers' "Looney Tunes" cartoons, who is always attempting to catch Road Runner?

Answers, page 46

Asparagus, tomato and goat's cheese tart



SERVES 4

**375g pack fresh ready-rolled puff pastry**  
**120g sun-dried tomato paste**  
**1 bunch asparagus washed and trimmed**  
**150g soft goat's cheese**  
**Olive oil**  
**Fresh basil leaves to serve**

Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C fan/gas mark 6. Unroll the puff pastry and cut into four equal rectangles. Score a 1cm border around the edge.

Spread the sun-dried tomato paste over the centre of the pastry, top with the asparagus spears and dot all over with the goat's cheese.

Season with salt and pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve with a few fresh basil leaves placed on top.

Recipe from [enjoyasparagus.com](http://enjoyasparagus.com)

#### Tomorrow

Celery and Parmesan minestrone

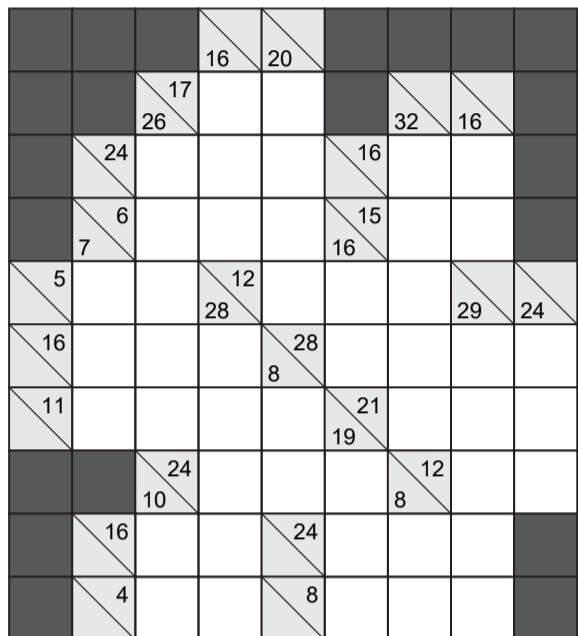


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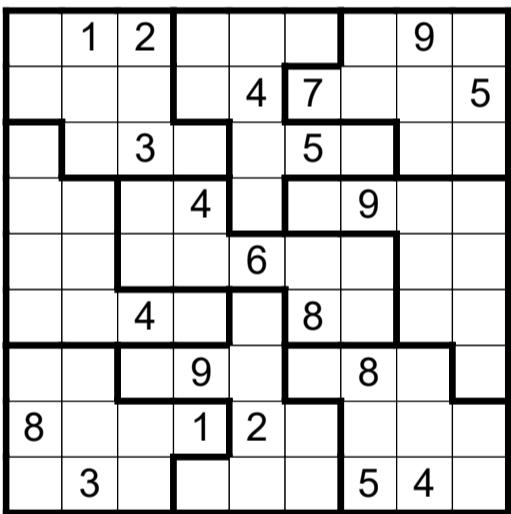
## Kakuro

**How to play** Fill the white squares so that the total in each across or down run of cells matches the total at the start of that run. You must use the numbers from 1-9 only and cannot repeat a number in a run.



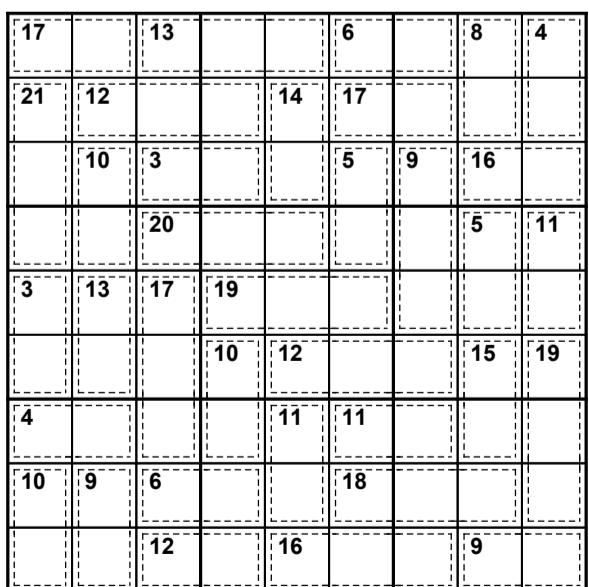
## Jigsawdoku

**How to play** Place the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and bold-lined jigsaw region.



## Killer Sudoku

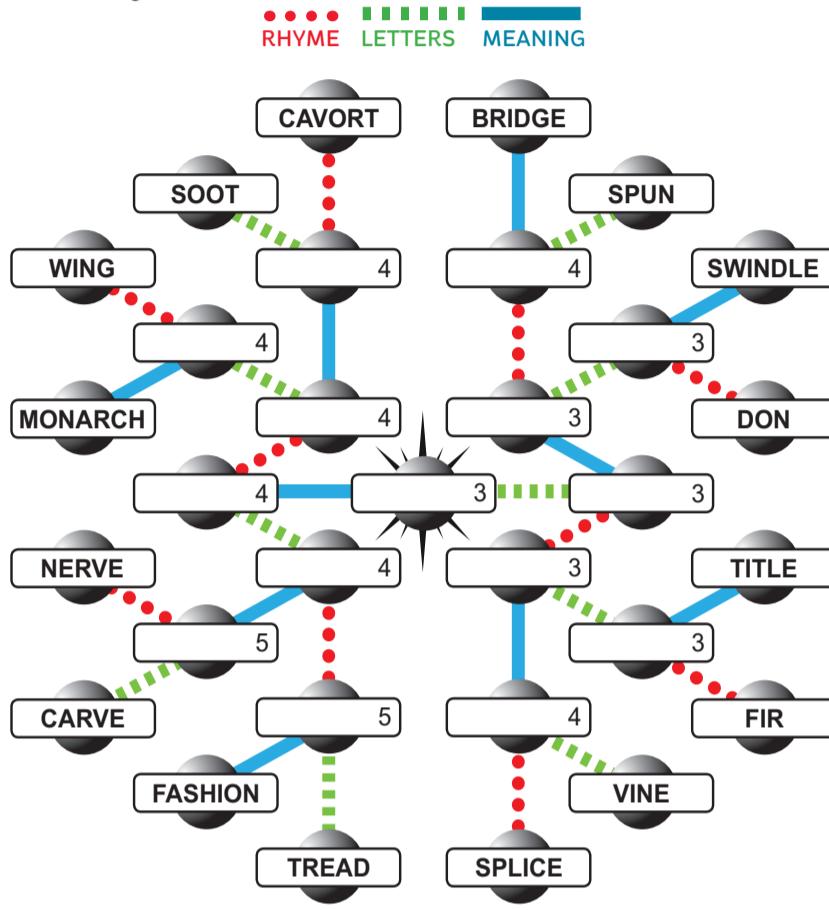
**How to play** Each row, column and 3 by 3 box must contain each number (1 to 9) only once. The sum of all numbers contained in a dotted area must match the number printed in its top-left corner. No number can appear more than once in a dotted area.



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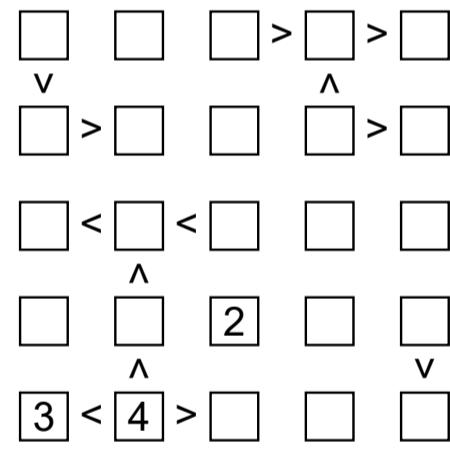
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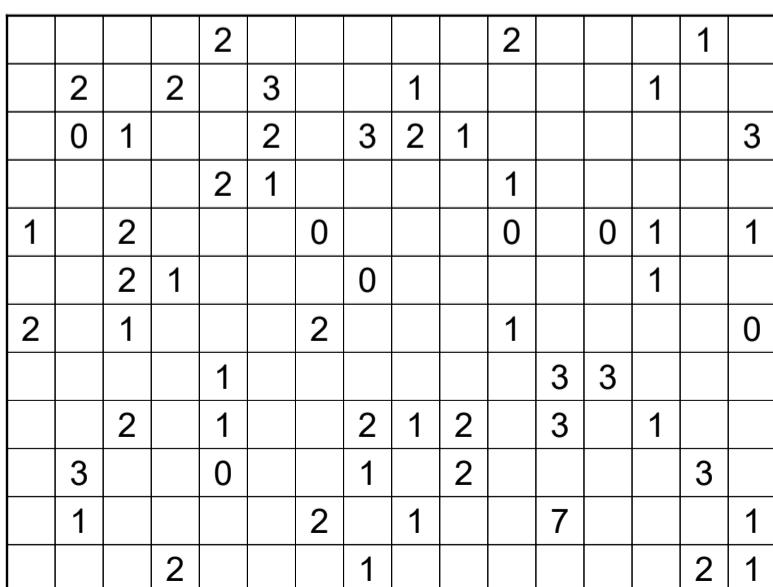
## Futoshiki

**How to play**  
 Place the numbers from 1-5 exactly once in each row and column. The greater than and less than signs ('>' and '<') indicate where one cell is greater/less than the adjacent cell indicated.



## Minesweeper

**How to play** Find all the mines in the grid. Numbers in certain squares indicate how many mines there are in the neighbouring squares, including diagonally touching squares. Mines cannot be placed in squares with numbers.



## Number Square

**How to play** Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

### Easier

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	-		-		-4
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x		+			51
15		6		30	

### Harder

	+		x		112
+		+	x		
	+	6	-		4
x		x		x	
x		-			1
12		60		168	



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## Concise Crossword No 3688

### ACROSS

- 1 Just outside the medal places (6)
- 2 Musical drama (5)
- 3 Abhorrent (9)
- 4 Stop (Nautical) (5,2)
- 5 Variety show (5)
- 6 Muscular spasm (3)
- 7 State of inactivity (6)
- 12 Depiction (9)
- 13 Street (6)
- 14 Facets (7)
- 16 Written composition (5)
- 18 Ice house (5)
- 20 Speck (3)



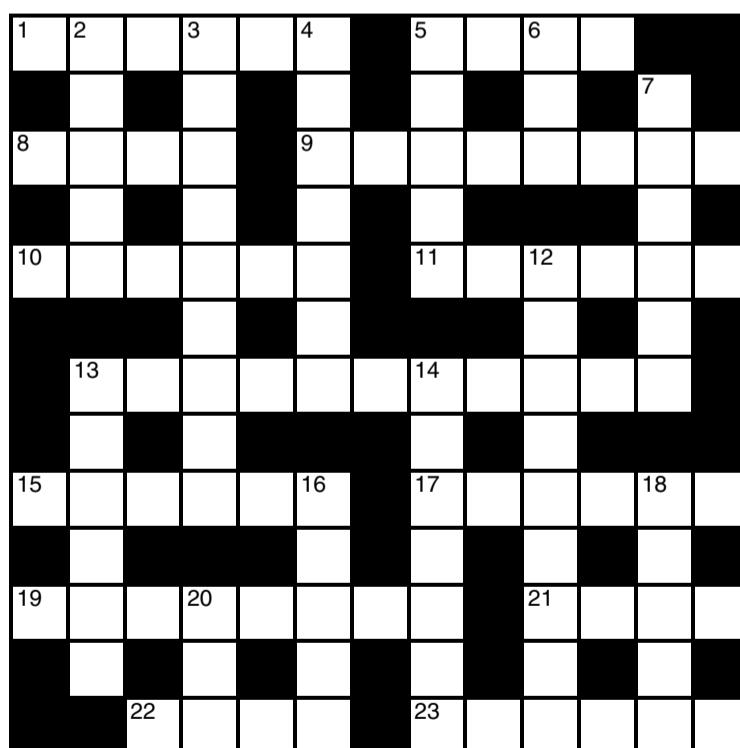
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**Solution to Saturday's Concise Crossword**  
ACROSS 1 Inner, 4 Ears (In arrears), 7 Clod, 8 Stricken, 9 Sniper, 11 Nook, 13 Preface, 16 Bald, 17 Curlew, 19 Likewise, 20 Exit, 21 Omit, 22 Suave.  
DOWN 1 Idling, 2 Nod, 3 Reserves, 4 Earn, 5 Raconteur, 6 Below, 10 Pipe dream, 12 Pancreas, 14 Cabin, 15 Device, 18 Gift, 20 Era.

**Today's other puzzles** Cryptic Crossword, page 33  
Five-Clue Cryptic, page 21; One-Minute Wijuko, page 35  
**Puzzle solutions** See pages 46-47

## Codeword No 3366

**How to play** The numbers in the grid correspond to the letters of the alphabet. Solve the puzzle and fill in the letters in the key as you discover them. Three letters are provided to give you a start. The solution will be printed in tomorrow's paper; the solution to Saturday's codeword is on page 46.

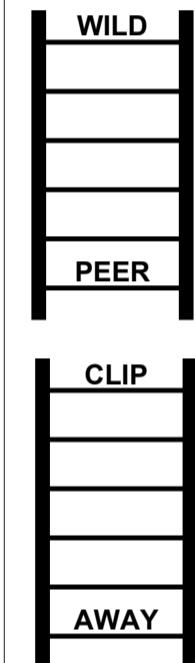
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## Word Ladder

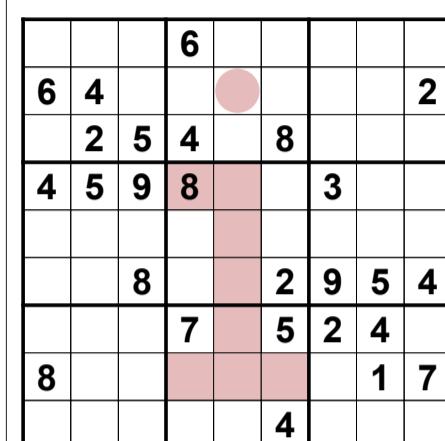
### How to play

Convert the word at the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of it, using only the four rungs in between. On each rung, you must put a valid four-letter word that is identical to the word above it, apart from a one-letter change. There may be more than one way of achieving this.

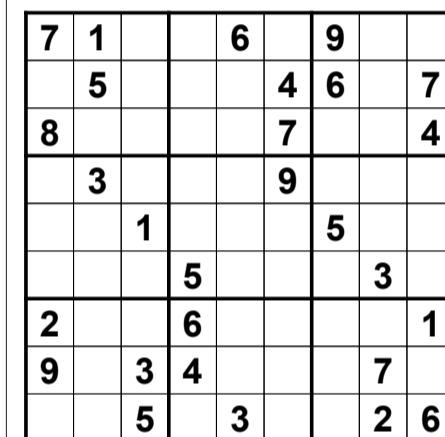


## idoku Exclusive to i

**How to play** Each numeral from 1 to 9 must appear (once only) in the squares forming the red letter i.



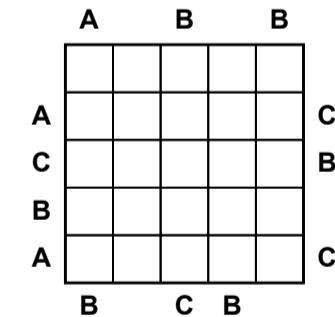
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**Tomorrow: Easier**

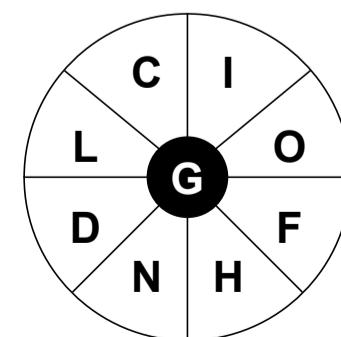
## ABC Logic

**How to play** Place the letters A, B and C only once in each row and column. Each row and column has two blank cells. The letters at the edge of a row/column indicate which of the letters is the first/last to appear in that row/column.



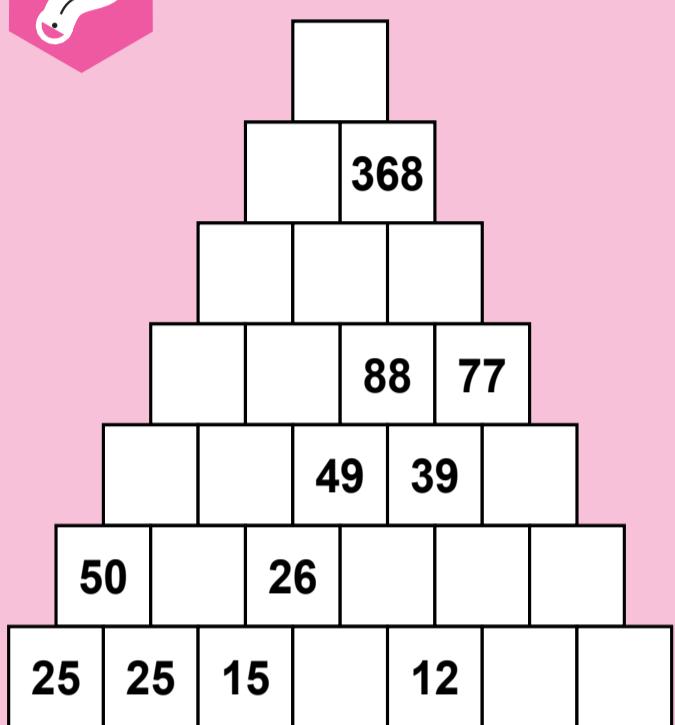
## Word Wheel

**How to play** This is an open-ended puzzle. How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at the centre of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? We've found 29, including one nine-letter word. Can you do better?

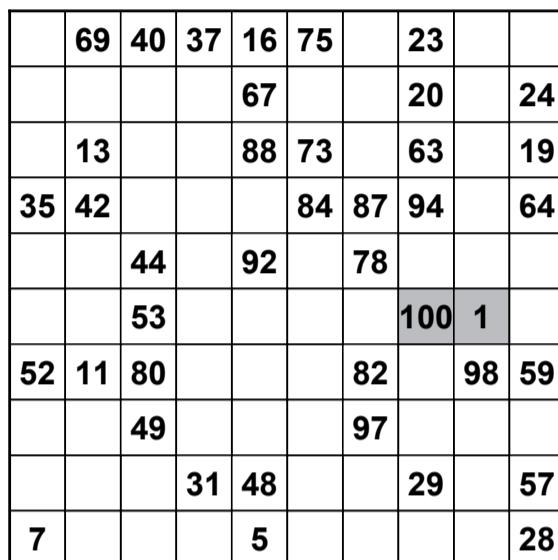


**Children's Corner Number Tower**

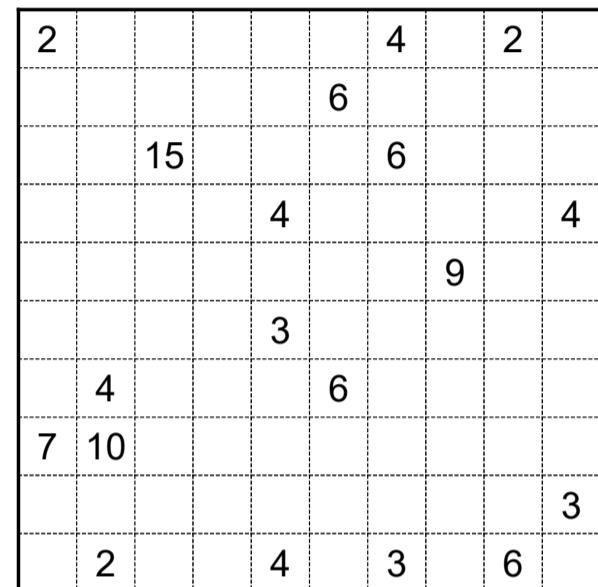
**How to play** The value of each square in the number pyramid is the sum of the two squares directly under it.

**Knight's Tour**

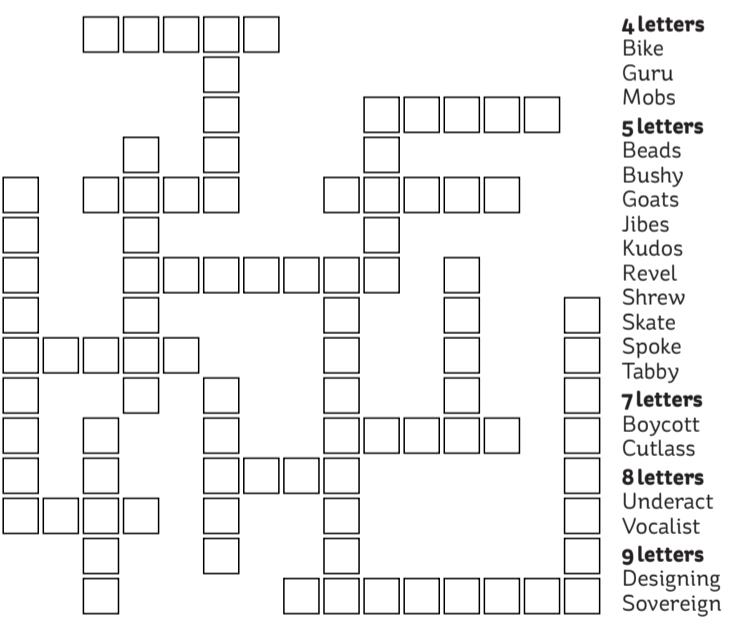
**How to play** A chess knight visits each square of the grid exactly once, starting at 1 and ending at 100 (these squares are shaded). Deduce the whole path of the knight - some of which is already given - and thus complete the grid. The knight moves either two squares horizontally followed by one square vertically, or two squares vertically followed by one square horizontally.

**Rectangles**

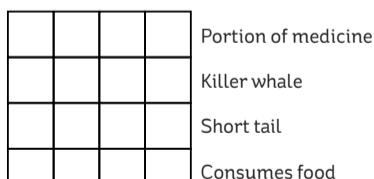
**How to play** Divide the grid into a series of rectangles or squares, such that every cell in the grid is in exactly one region. Numbers indicate the size of each region: for instance a "7" in a cell means that cell is part of a region that contains seven cells in total. There is only one number in each region.

**Word Fit**

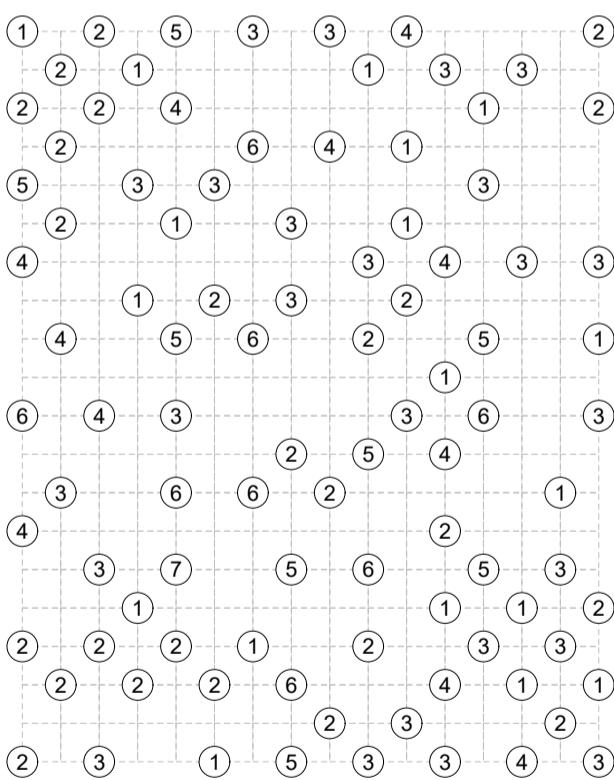
**How to play** Can you fit all the words into the grid to complete the puzzle? Some words may initially fit in more than one place, but there is only one way to fit all the words together to complete the grid.

**Word Square**

**How to play** Simply answer the clues alongside the grid, writing the answers in the respective rows. The solution must read the same horizontally in each row as it does vertically in each column.

**Bridges**

**How to play** Connect every island (represented by circles) into a single interconnected group. To do this draw bridges between islands. The number in each circle states how many bridges must be connected to that island. Bridges cannot cross each other, can only be drawn horizontally or vertically, and there can be a maximum of two bridges between any pair of islands.

**Word Search**

**How to play** The classic word-search puzzle: find all the words in the grid. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in either a forwards or backwards direction.



BEACH  
BERLIOZ  
BIZET  
BRAHMS  
BRITTEN  
CACCINI  
CHOPIN  
DEBUSSY  
DVORAK  
ELGAR  
GLINKA  
LISZT  
MAHLER  
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**Solutions: pages 46-47**

**Calcudoku**

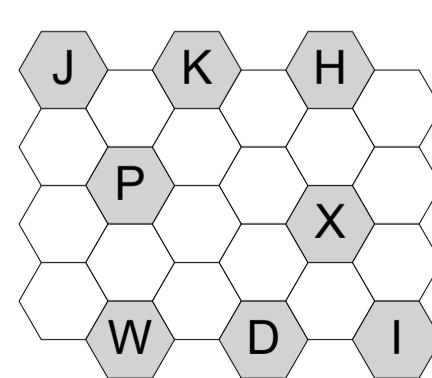
**How to play** Place the numbers 1-6 once in each row and column, obeying sums in bold-lined regions. The number in each region indicates the total for the region, and the symbol shows which type of operation should be applied to the numbers: addition, subtraction, division or multiplication. Numbers may repeat within bold-lined regions. With subtraction always take the lower numbers away from the highest number in a region, and with division divide the highest number by the lower numbers.

8x		10+	14+	3+	8+
6x	5-				
		4-		9+	
3÷			12+		
15+	11+			9+	3+
			3x		

**Hexalex**

**How to play** Place each of the letters below once into the empty hexagons, crossing them off as you do so. Enter the letters in such a way that it is possible to find all the words listed alongside the grid by moving from hexagon to adjacent hexagon to spell out each word.

A B C E F G L M N O R S T U V Y



BLUSH  
CLUMP  
DEW  
FIR  
FRY  
JAG  
LUX  
MULCH  
MUSK  
TAG  
TOW  
WOVEN

# Jobs 'miracle' hides uncomfortable truths

## EMPLOYMENT

### Camilla Cavendish



Where are all the workers? This is, increasingly, a puzzle. On the face of it, it's good news that the unemployment rate is still falling – it's just hit a 48-year low in Britain. But this obscures something less positive: increasing numbers of people are dropping out of the labour market altogether.

The jobs "miracle" was routinely trumpeted by Boris Johnson's government, and it's certainly a good time to be a plumber, or a teenager who can pull a pint. There are still as many posts vacant as there are people looking for work, despite employers having scaled back a bit as the economy has got choppier.

But the strains are taking their toll: baggage is piling up at airports, while builders and architects are closing their books to new contracts. Some executives I speak to are almost praying for a recession.

The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that, astonishingly, despite the cost of living crisis, average weekly hours worked are still not back at their pre-pandemic levels. In the three months to July, there was a small fall in overall employment.

It turns out that the new low in unemployment is not because more 16- to 65-year-olds are in jobs. It's because more people are not seeking work. The rate of economic inactivity has hit a six-year high of 21.7 per cent. That's partly because some students have prolonged their education through the ravages of the pandemic. But it's mainly because hundreds of thousands of people in their fifties and sixties now have a long-term illness, which, according to the ONS, is a record.

It is hard to escape the conclusion that the NHS backlog must now be having a direct and devastating impact on the labour force. Long Covid is also afflicting what may be, according to some estimates, as many as 1.5 million people in the UK, and between 10 and 20 per cent of those who have had Covid.

Yet the kind of urgency we saw from governments in combating Covid itself seems to be totally lacking when it comes to its after-effects. Policymakers seem to hope that long Covid will just go away. But anyone who has suffered from it, or knows someone with it, knows that this condition can be crippling – and that research is urgently needed.

The number of people needing hospitalisation in the pandemic was always going to cause havoc afterwards. But while we have seen



Brexit has not helped, especially in sectors such as farming, which were previously reliant on EU labour and are now finding it hard to adjust BLOOMBERG/GETTY

in the past week that queuing is our national pastime, there is nothing charming about having to queue for basic healthcare.

People who put off seeking medical help during the Covid crisis are now sicker than they should have been. Those whose operations keep being postponed are losing hope. The number of people paying to go private is soaring; others are trapped in quiet desperation.

This should worry ministers – not only because it is an absolute outrage, but also because fifty-somethings rarely ever return to work once they have retired. Their disappearance can only be adding to the inflationary pressures in the economy which are fuelled by the tight labour market.

In this unusual situation, the phrase "unemployment" feels rather unsatisfactory. It usually makes sense to measure the number of people who don't have a job but would like one, and to exclude those of working age who aren't looking. These tend to be students, homemakers and those caring for elderly relatives.

But if large numbers have been

made incapable by failures in healthcare, that feels like a different matter. It makes the strict measure of unemployment a less accurate reflection of spare labour capacity.

The exodus of European nationals since Brexit hasn't helped, especially in sectors which had previously been heavily reliant on EU labour and are finding it hard to adjust. The National Farmers' Union has complained persuasively about fruit and vegetables rotting in the fields.

A detailed analysis last month, by the Migration Observatory at Oxford University, found that many low-wage sectors – including social care, construction and hospitality – are struggling to adapt to the end of free movement from the EU. Even in sectors like construction, which are eligible for skilled work visas, there has been low take-up.

Britain is not the only country with low unemployment and unfilled vacancies. In terms of overall immigration, the entry of non-EU arrivals from 2019 to 2021 has largely offset the number of EU workers who have been lost. However these non-EU staff tend to

be in higher skilled jobs, according to the Migration Observatory, so are not substituting for lost EU staff on a one to one basis.

One key Brexit objective was to end the undercutting of wages by migrant labour in low pay industries, and to raise productivity. But it may be that the crackdown on visas for workers in low-wage sectors has gone too far.

The Migration Observatory says that employers are reducing output. I have certainly met restaurateurs who say they are having to close several days a week for lack of staff, despite customer demand.

Until the pandemic struck, economic inactivity had been on a downward trend. Universal credit changed the benefits system to make work pay, and to get people off long-term sickness benefits wherever that was possible.

It would be terrible if we were now congratulating ourselves on low unemployment, while actually keeping people unnecessarily out of work.

**The new low in unemployment is not because more people are in jobs. It's because more people are not seeking work**

# Sense of collective mourning is helping my patients

SOCIETY

**Dr Punam Krishan**



The death of Her Majesty the Queen has given us all time to reflect, pause, take stock and reconnect in the collective space of grief. In some ways, it has been a rather ordinary week for me as a GP, seeing my patients as usual and getting through the fast-paced clinics. In other ways, however, it has been one of the most unusual weeks I have ever worked in my 16 years as a doctor.

The mood of the nation is palpably sombre and has affected many of us in ways we perhaps never anticipated. Emotionally, it has definitely caught me by surprise.

My role as a general practitioner involves providing that cradle-to-grave continuum of healthcare. The topics of life and death, therefore, feature daily in conversations I have with my patients.

Part of my job also involves discussing end-of-life care provisions with my patients and their relatives. While these discussions are never easy, they are vital to providing holistic care which honours and respects the patient's wishes to die with dignity.

I always learn so much from patients who are navigating that final chapter of their life, as well as



Grief is personal, and the Queen's death has made us pause to appreciate how finite our time is CARL COURT/AFP/GETTY

how relatives and loved ones left behind manage their grief.

The biggest lessons I have learnt are that grief is deeply personal; there is no correct timeline and there is no right or wrong way to do it. It can be sparked at any point and be triggered by everything or nothing at all. Grief never truly goes away. Instead, you learn to live with it, accepting that it can flare up when you least expect it.

This is part of what I have observed as many of my patients have mentioned how the death of Her Majesty has affected them. One 98-year-old recalled the Queen's coronation in 1953, describing it as a "magnificent day" where they all

gathered around a small television to watch it. Yet even in the face of that joyful memory, he became tearful and overcome by a longing for his wife, who died 10 years ago. "I miss her every day," he told me. "There's not many of us left now."

It made me reflect on the passing of my own grandfather last year, a raw grief wound, as well as my other grandparents who are no longer with us.

There is something so magical and precious about that generation, I thought. And so my patient and I talked about the generations past and how our Queen was a constant throughout all these phases. I shared stories of my grandfather as

he told me about his extraordinary life with his wife. His final line, "I wouldn't change a thing if I had to do it all again", was just magical.

Another deeply moving conversation was with a patient in her sixties, whose husband passed away just three weeks ago. Currently in the acute and most painful phase of her grief journey, she described a sense of solidarity through collective mourning.

With heightened awareness and open conversations about death and bereavement across the UK, she had received many calls and messages from friends and family checking in on how she was doing. She felt comforted knowing that

**Grief has been normalised instead of being stigmatised**

she wasn't the only one who had lost someone, because grief can feel very isolating.

The death of the Queen has also helped to foster conversations about grief across generations.

One of my patients, pregnant with her second baby, came in with her eldest child and we got chatting about the monarch. Her five-year-old said: "My mummy said my granny will get to meet the Queen because she is in heaven too."

It was hard to hold back the tears – but conversations like these about the inevitable are healthy.

The Queen's death seems to have opened up a positive space where grief has been normalised instead of being stigmatised. Whether you are a royalist or not, what we are observing is the loss of an incredible woman for whom words could never do justice.

But above all else she was a wife, mother, sister, friend, grandmother and great-grandmother – roles many of us revere in our own families. Her death, therefore, resonates with many on a deep human level, making us pause to appreciate how finite time is and to really make the most of the amount we have with those we love.

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# Why the body positivity movement risks turning toxic

WELLBEING

**Viren Swami**



Body positive messages seem to be everywhere, from social media to TV ads. But while some find the body positivity movement to be uplifting, others have begun calling the movement "toxic".

Body positivity has its roots in radical fat activism that began in the late 1960s. Alongside activism among ethnic minority women, these groups protested against structural biases and discrimination, especially from the fashion and beauty industries.

Over time, this evolved into

the body positivity movement as we know it today. But some say that the movement shifted away from its radical roots when it went mainstream.

Body positivity's aim is to promote acceptance and appreciation of a diversity of body types and sizes. But it may have a negative impact because it does little to challenge the underlying idea that people are valued primarily for their appearance.

Despite its positive spin, the movement still encourages people to work on their body and engage in beauty practices. And if you fail to be body positive, it's you that's at fault.

Likewise, some commentators find the involvement of corporations and the "performative activism" of the movement to be problematic. In her influential article *Body Positivity is a Scam*, the writer Amanda Mull argued that in divorcing itself from its radical past, the movement ignores the structural reasons that lead to negative body image,



The US singer Lizzo has voiced her criticisms of the body positivity movement JEFF KRAVITZ/GETTY

**Many are now getting behind the body neutrality movement**

such as gender inequalities and systems of oppression. Instead, the messaging now shifts the focus on to individuals and their ability to feel happy in their body.

Some even feel the current movement pushes a form of "toxic positivity", the expectation that we should always be positive no matter what, and that we should silence negative emotions in ourselves and others. Much of the current movement's messaging emphasises that people should show confidence and acceptance in their body. The result is that those who fail to achieve body confidence feel like they have failed themselves.

There is some recent evidence to support this idea. One group of researchers exposed women to this kind of toxic body positivity using various images – such as ones that depicted the message "You MUST accept your body or you will never be happy".

Across a series of experiments, women exposed to such messages didn't feel any better about their

body image. Instead, their body image only improved when the participants understood that people close to them appreciated them for who they were.

Many are now moving away from the body positivity movement, and instead are getting behind the body neutrality movement. Rather than focusing on physical appearance, body neutrality is the idea that we can exist without having to think too much about our bodies.

There's evidence to suggest that body neutrality can be beneficial to us. Across cultures and demographic groups, body neutrality is associated with more positive body image and mental wellbeing. And the good news is there are many ways you can develop body neutrality, including writing-based therapies, yoga and spending time in nature.

THE CONVERSATION

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## CRIME

# Social media has 'no moral values' for failing to stop stalker, says Vine

By Alex Green

Jeremy Vine has criticised social media companies such as YouTube and Twitter, claiming the platforms have "no moral values" after a stalker was found guilty of launching a campaign of harassment against him and a number of media figures.

Former BBC radio presenter Alex Belfield, 42, was jailed for five and a half years last week after being found guilty by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court of stalking four people.

The court heard he made a number of YouTube videos about Vine and posted messages on social media encouraging his thousands of followers to target his victims.

Speaking to *The Sunday Times*, Vine criticised platforms such as YouTube and Twitter, saying the



Jeremy Vine after his high court hearing in 2021 IAN WEST/PA

platforms had not taken abusive posts down even after they were reported to moderators. He said: "We had to get lawyers to get his shit taken down, and even then it's hard. The companies just say no. They don't have any moral values."

Vine added that stalking is common for broadcasters and that social media had allowed the issue to flourish.

He added: "Of my three best female friends at the BBC, all of them have had stalkers."

"I think stalking is the industrial disease of broadcasting."

Speaking about feeling more cautious about interacting with listeners online, he said: "I love hearing from them, but [Belfield] has poisoned it. The lagoon has been turned black."

Jurors convicted Belfield of four charges committed between 2012 and 2021. During sentencing, Mr Justice Saini told him: "Your offences are so serious only a custodial sentence can be justified."

Belfield, who has 359,000 followers on his YouTube channel and 43,000 on Twitter, directed his attacks via social media "in highly negative and often abusive terms", the judge said.

As well as jailing Belfield, Mr Justice Saini issued indefinite restraining orders banning him from contacting his victims.

YouTube and Twitter have been contacted for comment.



Sue Barker at the 2022 Wimbledon Championships. She presented the BBC's coverage of the tennis tournament for the last time this year JOHN WALTON/PA

## BROADCASTING

## 'Wimbledon exit was on my terms'

By Ellie Iorizzo

Sue Barker has said she wanted to leave the BBC's Wimbledon coverage before being "pushed out the door" after criticising the handling of her departure from TV show *A Question Of Sport*.

The former professional tennis player, 66, bid a tearful farewell to Wimbledon this year after 30 years of presenting coverage of the event for the BBC. It came two years after the broadcaster announced Paddy

McGuinness would take over as host of *A Question Of Sport*.

Barker said on BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*: "The way it was handled made me think about Wimbledon and the way I wanted to walk away on my own terms rather than be pushed out the door."

"To be taken into a room after 24 years and be told 'We don't want you anymore', I just wish they handled the end a little better." In July, Barker announced her retirement from presenting Wimbledon coverage.

## News in brief

## CRIME

## Calls for calm after Leicester disorder

Police and community leaders have called for calm after the latest incident of large-scale disorder in Leicester over the weekend.

Two arrests were made as officers tried to hold back crowds amid tensions involving mainly young men from the city's Muslim and Hindu communities.

It is the latest in a series of incidents, including violence after a cricket match between India and Pakistan last month.

Leicester city mayor Sir Peter Soulsby said: "Things got very nasty indeed last night and I am very worried on behalf of the people who were caught up in it."

## POLICE

## Protest outside Met HQ after Kaba death

Protesters have held a further rally outside the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police following the shooting of unarmed black man Chris Kaba.

The 24-year-old died after being shot by a Met officer following a police pursuit on 5 September. The incident is now being investigated by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).

Members of Mr Kaba's family have accused the force of racism and were joined by protesters and politicians including former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn on Saturday.

Similar protests were also held in cities including Manchester, Brighton and Cardiff.

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## ACROSS

- 8 Two young females hold an aromatic plant (8)
- 9 Building worker replacing fire door I'd taken out (6)
- 10 Peacekeeping organisation is against making agreement (6)
- 11 One who changes single note during reworking of Do-Re-Mi (8)
- 12 Chill out, then shower? Check! (8)
- 13 Reading, for example, and working when in the toilet (6)
- 14 Cheek getting squeezed by the bottom part of extremely small underwear (1-6)
- 17 Red sauce mostly transported in a crate? (4,3)
- 20 Crazy Australian tucking into ecstasy before noon (6)
- 22 Training cut without hesitation (8)
- 25 Wine accompanies a bit of dahl, potato and hot curry (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Following last of interviews, movie star gets something to eat (6)
- 2 Singing voice is out of tune and rising excessively (8)
- 3 Drug and alcohol supplies somewhere in East Africa (6)
- 4 Insect consumes fruit for nourishment (7)
- 5 Put it in oil with a pinch of salt to make appetisers (8)
- 6 Sportsman about to strike back (6)
- 7 After short winter month, Annie travels for long periods of time (8)

15 Fleetwood's first hit with one new golf ball is a flyer (8)

16 Playing nose flutes without the tips of one's fingers can be unmelodic (8)

18 Crucial events could be described without book (8)

19 Put money in side pot to be dished out (7)

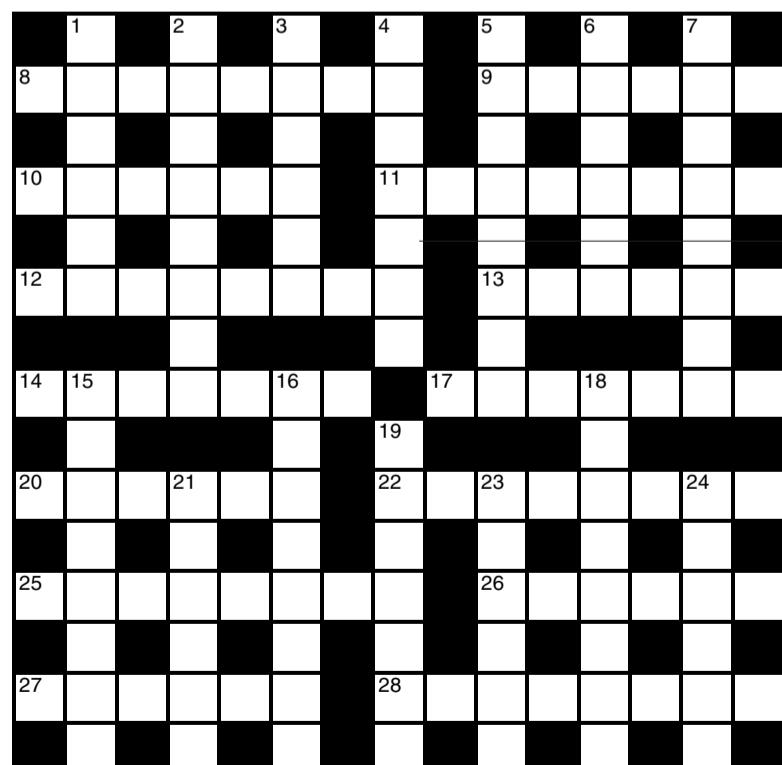
21 Plant providing more nuts (6)

23 Decadent European female at social function (6)

24 Hi-fi store gets revamped (including online) (6)

## Solution to Saturday's Cryptic

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# Panorama

Around the world in 10 stories



## UNITED STATES

### 17 cats killed in pet hotel blaze

Seventeen cats died at a Los Angeles pet hotel and a firefighter was injured when a blaze ripped through the facility, the Los Angeles Fire Department said.

Brian Humphrey, a fire department spokesman, said more than 120 firefighters were dispatched after a passerby reported the blaze on Saturday morning. He said: "Sadly 17 cats perished at the scene. Two were rescued and saved."

He added that firefighters tried to revive the stricken cats but were unsuccessful. AP

## UNITED STATES

### Storm may bring worst flooding for 50 years

By Mark Thiessen and Jocelyn Gecker

IN ANCHORAGE

Officials warned places in Alaska could see their worst flooding in 50 years yesterday.

High waters could take up to 14 hours to recede after a powerful

## CHINA

### Spacewalk at new station

Two Chinese astronauts have completed a spacewalk from a new space station that is due to be completed later this year.

Cai Xuzhe and Chen Dong installed pumps, a handle to open the hatch door from outside in an emergency, and a foot-stop to fix an astronaut's feet to a robotic arm, state media said on Saturday.

China is building its own space station after being excluded by the US from the International Space Station because its military runs the country's space programme.

The latest spacewalk was the second during a six-month mission. AP

storm swept north through the Bering Strait, knocking out power and sending residents fleeing for higher ground.

The storm - what remains of Typhoon Merbok - has been influencing weather patterns as far away as California.

In Alaska, no injuries or deaths were immediately reported, said Jeremy Zidek, spokesman for the Alaska Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a disaster declaration during the day. AP

## Postcard From... Kayunga

Moses Wamugango peered into the plastic vats where maggots wriggled in decomposing filth, the enviable project of a neighbour in Uganda who spoke of the fertiliser problem he had been able to solve.

The maggots are the larvae of the black soldier fly, an insect whose digestive system effectively turns food waste into organic fertiliser.

"I want the maggots too," Mr Wamugango said. The agriculture officials who distribute the vats for free took his name two weeks ago and said they would give him four to start off with.

"I am still waiting. The last time they came, they didn't reach my place."

Uganda is a regional food basket, but rising commodity prices - blamed on Russia's war in Ukraine - are hurting farmers. Fertiliser costs have doubled or tripled, with some popular products hard to find on the market, according to the African Fertiliser and Agribusiness Partnership.

Most food produced in sub-Saharan Africa comes from smallholder farmers. Agriculture experts want governments and other benefactors to support them more.

Some see larvae farming as the answer to sustainable organic farming. Larvae programmes also exist in Nigeria and Kenya. AP

Rodney Muhumuza

## WEATHER

# Four million told to leave as typhoon lashes Japan

By Rocky Swift

IN TOKYO

At least four million people were told to evacuate their homes as one of the biggest typhoons ever to hit Japan made landfall on the island of Kyushu.

Typhoon Nanmadol brought wind gusts of at least 112mph with up to 20 inches of rainfall expected yesterday. Extensive flooding is forecast along with landslides, and the typhoon has seen hundreds of flights and trains cancelled, as well as shops closed.

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a special typhoon warning about Nanmadol. It has been classified as a super typhoon by the US



A woman caught in strong winds and rain in southern Japan yesterday

Navy's Joint Typhoon Warning Centre with the potential to be the most destructive tropical storm to strike Japan in decades.

The special typhoon warning would be the first such alert for any prefecture north of the Okinawa island chain, domestic media reported.

Kyushu Railway Co began halting some train lines on Saturday ahead of wider suspensions yesterday. Hundreds of weekend flights in the southern region were being cancelled, broadcaster NHK reported.

Convenience store chain Seven-Eleven Japan was temporarily shutting about 610 stores in the Kyushu and Chugoku regions from Saturday night, local media reported.

The storm was forecast to curve east and pass over Tokyo tomorrow, before moving out to sea.



## Cleaning up on the coastline

Volunteers collect plastic waste along the coastline during World Cleanup Day in Bargny, Senegal. Last year, 8.5 million people took part in 191 countries, with 33,000 tons of waste collected

JOHN WESSELS/ AFP/GETTY

## TAIWAN

# Trains derailed and shops destroyed by earthquake

By Ben Blanchard

IN TAIPEI

A 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit the south-eastern part of Taiwan yesterday, derailing train carriages and causing a shop to collapse.

The weather bureau said the epicentre was in Taitung county, and followed a 6.4 magnitude quake on Saturday evening in the same area,

which caused no casualties. The US Geological Survey measured the quake at a magnitude 7.2 and at a depth of 6.2 miles.

Taiwan media said a low-rise building housing a convenience store collapsed in Yuli and rescue work had begun to free the four people inside,

while a vehicle is suspected of having been thrown off a toppled bridge.

The Taiwan Railways Administra-

## SOUTH CAUCASUS

### Pelosi condemns border attacks

The US House of Representatives Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, has strongly condemned what she said were "illegal" border attacks by Azerbaijan on Armenia that triggered clashes in which more than 200 people were killed.

Ms Pelosi said her trip to Armenia had particular importance after the "illegal and deadly attacks by Azerbaijan". "We strongly condemn those attacks," she said. REUTERS

## COSTA RICA

### At least six dead in bus crash

Authorities were searching for missing people yesterday after a bus crash caused by heavy rains in Costa Rica left at least six dead on Saturday night, officials said.

The rains across the country caused a landslide on the Cambronero route, in the west of the country, 45 miles from the capital San José.

Firefighters and the country's Red Cross reported at least six people confirmed dead, but up to 30 deaths are expected. REUTERS

## CHINA

### Flood in mine investigated

An investigation into the cause of a 2 September flood at an iron ore mine in China, which left 14 people dead, is under way.

One person remains missing but the search and rescue operation ended on Saturday, the Tangshan city government said in a brief statement.

The mine is about 100 miles east of Beijing in Hebei province.

Hebei is a major producer of iron ore and steel. AP

## SPAIN

# Britons to protest over driving licence changes

By Graham Keeley

IN MADRID

Britons have planned protests outside the British embassy in Madrid as anger mounts over the failure of diplomats to reach a deal over the ban on UK driving licences in Spain.

Thousands of Britons in Spain who did not convert their UK driving licences to Spanish versions by the December 2020 deadline are not allowed to drive, after post-Brexit talks broke down.

An extension to allow British resi-

dents to use their UK licences has expired but this does not affect tourists or hauliers.

Following five months of talks, Spanish and British diplomats failed to reach a deal.

And after angry Britons said they would stage a protest, the embassy issued a statement saying it was urgently trying to reach a deal.

In response, Pascal Siegmund, one of the protest organisers, wrote: "We are writing this post following the useless (British) embassy update.

"[It] didn't satisfy any of us. We are

going to go further [and] organise a protest."

He said a demonstration may take place on Thursday in Madrid outside the British embassy and the Spanish ministry of transport.

Deb Lee, who is originally from Oxford but now lives on a campsite in Catral near Alicante on the Costa Blanca, has not been able to use her car for the past five months.

"I have wasted about €500 (£434)

in car insurance and tax while my car sits in the drive," she told **i**.

"This has been a disaster for me and thousands of others but the diplomats cannot seem to reach a deal."

Ms Lee (inset) moved to Spain permanently in 2020.

"After bad advice about changing my licence, I missed out on the deadline. Now I don't want to sit the Spanish driving test on principle," she said.



"I have been a safe driver for over 40 years, without a point on my licence."

"How is it fair that an 18-year-old British tourist can come over here and rent a car at an airport, but I cannot drive?"

**{i}** The British embassy in Spain tweeted: "We recognise that negotiations are taking longer than anticipated and longer than you or we want."

## ITALY

# Why first female PM could actually be a backward step for women's rights

Giorgia Meloni, the leader of a far-right party, is on course for electoral victory. By **Frances D'Emilio** in Rome

If Italy elects the nation's first female prime minister, will its women be delighted or dismayed? Should opinion polls prove on the mark, Giorgia Meloni and the far-right Brothers of Italy party she co-founded less than a decade ago will triumph in the 25 September election. Ms Meloni might then be asked by Italy's president to try to form a viable coalition government with right-wing allies.

For many female voters, it's a question of gender versus agenda.

Some worry that Ms Meloni, who exalts motherhood, might seek to erode women's rights, including abortion access.

For her supporters, what matters is her conservative, "God, homeland and family" platform, not her sex.

Brothers of Italy has roots in a neo-fascist movement that hailed the legacy of Benito Mussolini, who bestowed prizes on women who had many children. The party took around 4 per cent of votes in the last election, in 2018, but according to some pollsters it could win nearly 25 per cent in this one.

Licia Donati, as a young Communist activist in the 1960s, fought for the legalisation of divorce, which came in 1970. She also mobilised so Italian courts would recognise that wives have the same right to justice as husbands in a country where, until 1981, laws sanctioned leniency for men who murdered women to preserve "family honour".

If Ms Meloni does become Italy's first female PM, it would be "a rupture (with the past) in the sense she is a woman, but it would be going backward in terms of the



Giorgia Meloni addressing Brothers of Italy supporters during a campaign rally VINCENZO PINTO/AFP/GETTY

conservative women's culture," said Ms Donati, 84, a Tuscan native who lives in Rome.

Ms Donati said that if she could speak to the politician, she would say: "What battle did you wage for women, what did you do? Nothing."

Ms Meloni, 45, is the only main party leader who didn't join PM Mario Draghi's pandemic national unity government in 2021. After populist forces, including two of her campaign allies, yanked support for Mr Draghi in July, the former European Central Bank chief's coalition collapsed, prompting an early election.

Oria Gargano, whose BeFree

organisation in Rome helps women who have suffered domestic violence, noted with dismay that a Brothers of Italy politician has pushed for cemeteries where aborted foetuses can be buried, and to post the names of women who aborted without their permission.

Recently, Ms Meloni angered women by retweeting a video of a woman being raped in a street – "for the simple fact that it was an immigrant who raped her," Ms Gargano said.

Ms Meloni has derided most of the migrants – overwhelmingly men – who sail toward Italy's shores on smugglers' boats as freeloaders

who do not deserve refugee status. Ms Meloni has generally refrained from pitching for women's votes simply because she is a woman. But she has snapped back at contentions that it wouldn't be a victory for women if she becomes prime minister.

"I challenge anyone to say that that would not mean breaking the glass ceiling," the Italian news agency Ansa quoted her as saying when she came to the Monza track for a Formula 1 race.

"I am a woman, so saying that you're not a woman if you say the things I say, frankly, makes me laugh." AP

## CRIME

## Footballer's brother on extortion charge

The brother of France international footballer Paul Pogba has been charged over an alleged plot to extort money from the former Manchester United star.

Mathias Pogba, 32, appeared in a video last month promising to reveal "revelations" about the Juventus midfielder, but has denied any wrongdoing. His lawyer, Yassine Bouzrou, said: "We are going to challenge this decision."

Four other people have also been placed under formal investigation for extortion and criminal association, judicial sources told reporters.

## MUSIC

## Lightning cuts short Lady Gaga concert

Lady Gaga has issued a tearful apology after having to cut short the final show of her world tour in Miami due to lightning strikes.

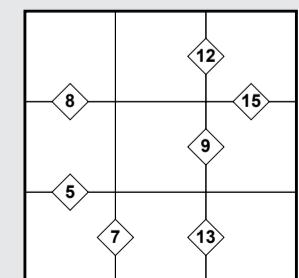
The performance on Saturday was the last night of the singer's *The Chromatica* Ball tour.

Lady Gaga (inset) told fans: "Even when the rain sort of stopped there was lightning that was striking right down to the ground so close to us."



## One-minute Wijuko

**How to play** Place 1 – 9 once in the grid, obeying the sums between pairs of squares



**Solution:** page 46

## PEOPLE

# 'I climbed to the top of a 48-storey tower at 60'

Free climbers who risk their lives for sport talk to **Gwyneth Rees**

For Alain Robert, a life of free-climbing skyscrapers – ascending to the top of tall buildings without ropes or safety equipment – was never the plan. But in the past 25 years, he has scaled 167 skyscrapers and holds the record for most buildings scaled, including some of the world's tallest: Dubai's Burj Khalifa (2,717ft/828m) in 2011 and also the Petronas towers (1,483ft/452m) in Kuala Lumpur in 2009.

On Saturday, he scaled the 48-storey Tour TotalEnergies building in Paris to mark his 60th birthday. Dressed in red, he celebrated as he reached the top of the 613ft (187m) tower in the French capital's business district.

"I want to send people the message that being 60 is nothing. You can still do sport, be active, do fabulous things," he said. "I promised myself several years ago that when I reached 60, I would climb that tower again because 60 symbolises retirement age in France and I thought that was a nice touch."

Robert, who also wanted to use the climb to raise awareness about the need for climate change action, had already climbed the TotalEnergies tower many times.

Known as the "French Spider-Man", and considered the veteran of the sport, his urban climbing career has not been without its issues. In 2018, he ascended the Salesforce Tower (formerly known as the Heron Tower) in the City of London. He was arrested by police who set up a cordon around the building. Some of his climbs are legal and sponsored

by brands, but others he undertakes independently without payment and at risk of imprisonment.

"I was going to jail but also to court, sometimes climbing officially and meeting presidents, prime ministers, kings and queens, but also prisoners as I've been arrested more than 200 times," said Robert, from Digoin, in the Saône-et-Loire department of eastern France.

"One day I may be the guest of a sheikh in the Middle East staying in a hotel costing \$30,000 (£26,000) per night, and then I can find myself in a hell-hole prison."

But still Robert, who now lives in Bali, continues to climb as it is "like the air he breathes". His career did not begin with climbing buildings,

**I couldn't live without these extreme things because they give such euphoric special moments**

however, but with rock climbing.

By the end of the 1980s he was doing this without safety equipment on some of the hardest rock climbs in the world. It was only in June 1994, when an Italian film-maker asked him to climb a building for a documentary called *No Limits*, that he began.

"At first I thought it was crazy and impossible but quickly I realised that it was much safer and easier than my rock climbing," he says, crediting the sport with enabling him to make a living and meet interesting people around the world. Although he ultimately still prefers his first love – rock climbing – he gets a kick out of scaling buildings.

"To be honest, I had more thrill free-soloing on rocks as they are much harder. But climbing buildings is fun and kicking the ass of our society is rather pleasant," he says, seeing his urban climbing more as performance art with the chance to spread a message, be it about climate change or the government's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Earlier this month, Adam Lockwood, 21, from Wigan, scaled The Shard in central London, posting topless selfies atop the 1,016ft (310m) building. Previously he has dangled naked from a crane in Dubai and done chin-ups at the top of a 1,100ft (335m) power station in Croatia.

He was given a three-month suspended prison sentence in August 2020. In mitigation, his solicitor said his client was motivated by seeking celebrity and financial reward from YouTube, where he has 25,000 followers. "It's all about YouTube hits," he said. "YouTube pays."

Robert is acutely aware of how social media is changing the world of urban climbing. When he began scaling buildings 25 years ago, he was one of very few people who did it and there was no social media to promote it. "Most of them are rather medium climbers but they are using the latest GoPros and drones," he says, adding: "Their videos are awesome."

The younger generation, it seems, are mostly men in their early twenties, happy to climb with just a bag of chalk to aid their grip and a GoPro camera to capture their adventures. One is George King, 22, from Oxford, who illegally

scaled The Shard in 2019 despite an injunction, landing himself in Pentonville prison in north London for three months.

He later went on to scale the 36-storey Stratosphere Tower building in Stratford, east London, and illegally free-solo the world's largest climbing wall in Denmark. In July, he was handed a six-month suspended prison sentence in Spain for breaking into the Port Aventura theme park before climbing Europe's tallest rollercoaster and base jumping (jumping from fixed objects with a parachute) from it.

"When you're up a building, the only thing you can focus on is the present and that's a really special feeling," King says. "No matter how easy the technical climb is, you can never underestimate the potential for death."

King says that he climbs to raise awareness of causes – be it mental health or the climate crisis – but also because he believes he is "addicted" to extreme sports. He is also a base jumper, train surfer and boxer. At school, he used to climb on the roof and hide from his teachers.

"I couldn't live without these extreme things because they give such euphoric special moments," he says. "You reach these almighty highs and there's no way you can go back to a normal life." He is currently travelling around Europe taking on more climbing challenges.

Does he not worry that he could come to harm? King admits he often worries for months before a big event, but then – just before it – will gain full control and focus. He believes he has conditioned his brain to overcome fear.

And the "overwhelming sense of pride, fulfilment and joy" outweighs the negativity. For him, there is also something special about climbing in the urban environment and going against the grain of the normal values of society. "To do it illegally, assess the security, how I can do it, and how I can reduce a possible sentence afterwards – for me, that's really exciting," he says. "It adds a layer to the whole adventure."

Laws against free solo climbing vary around the world depending on the location.

In America, Maison Deschamps, 22, of Hartland, Michigan, has scaled five skyscrapers: the Salesforce Tower in San Francisco, *The New York Times* building, the Renaissance Centre in Detroit, the Devon Tower in Oklahoma City, and the Aria in Las Vegas.

He raises money for the anti-abortion movement. "I climb buildings specifically to raise money and awareness," he says. "However, I do enjoy it."



Alain Robert, the 'French Spider-Man', climbs the highest building in the world, Burj Khalifa

EMMANUEL AGUIRRE/GETTY



Alain Robert climbing Burj Khalifa in 2011... 'climbing buildings is fun and kicking the ass of society is rather pleasant'

EMMANUEL AGUIRRE/GETTY



## WELLBEING

# The questions therapists are asked most often

Unhappiness with being single or at being forced to return to office are common themes. By **Eleanor Peake**

**O**ne in four people will experience a mental health problem of some kind each year in England, and one in six people report experiencing a common mental health problem (like anxiety or depression) in any given week, according to the mental health charity Mind.

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, the UK has seen the spread of another, quieter pandemic. A third of adults said their mental health worsened during this period: anxiety and depression has spiked and one in nine young people told Mind that, thanks to lockdown, loneliness has made their mental health worse.

The World Health Organisation says that global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by a massive 25 per cent during the first year of the pandemic. But a year on from the relaxation of lockdown rules, what problems are we experiencing and what questions do we want answered?

**I**asks therapists from across the UK the most common questions they are asked.

## WHY AM I SO UNHAPPY AS A SINGLE PERSON?

Simone Bose, from London, is a relationship counsellor at Relate. Around 10 per cent of Bose's clients are dealing with infidelity and she helps them work through this issue. But she also sees a lot of single people who are disenchanted (a poll published in September by Relate found many people in their twenties and thirties are feeling affected by milestone anxiety – the worry about not having a partner, children, or not having bought a house).

"I get a lot of single people who are frustrated and have low self-esteem from dating," Bose says. "They want to build their confidence and feel better about themselves. So, some people aren't even bothered about meeting someone, they're just wanting to be able to feel good about themselves and deal with that identity as a single person."

However, single or not, there is a connecting theme across Bose's clients. "Often the root of all these



Simone Bose says she meets many single clients with low self-esteem



Don't expect a 'quick fix', advises therapist Jackie Rogers

problems is based around a lack of intimacy," she says. "Because my patient may be too busy or they're too stressed or things in their life take over, and they're not able to be as vulnerable as they could [with another person]."

## WHY DON'T I FEEL BETTER YET?

A common concern when seeing a therapist is the speed of "recovery". "After two or three sessions, a lot of patients ask why they don't feel noticeably better," says Jackie Rogers, a therapist based in Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, who is accredited with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. They want to have a definitive timeline.

"Getting better" varies from person to person and depends on each person's support network, self-compassion and self-care," she says. "As a society we want 'to run before we can walk' and have no patience.

"We are looking for 'quick fixes' and when we are not getting the 'quick fix' we can feel as though we are doing something wrong or like we have failed in some way."

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? EVERYONE ELSE IS COPING

We often hear about comparison culture, fuelled in particular by the prevalence of so-called highlight reels on social media, but Rogers says one of the most common questions she hears is about why other people seem to be coping better than we are. Particularly people who are worried that they are markedly different from their friends and family.

"When we begin to struggle in life we can perceive other people as 'coping' or 'managing', says Rogers. "When we are struggling we look inwards and begin to blame ourselves or see others as being better than us, making us very self-critical."

But she says that people are dealing with many real issues and we must have compassion for ourselves. "Many people are struggling with so much

loss and bereavement, be this through losing someone they love, employment restructure, burnout, job loss or relationship breakup.

"These events are stressful enough on their own, however when you factor in the past two to three years of living through the pandemic and the uncertainty of the future, it can make these issues more overwhelming and seem unmanageable."

## WHY DON'T I RECOGNISE WHO I AM?

Denise Freeman, a registered therapist in Manchester, says she sees a lot of people going through periods of transition and in particular has noticed a rise in the number of women seeking help as a result of the menopause. "These women that come to me usually don't realise that it's the menopause that is causing their problems," says Freeman.

Symptoms of the menopause can include brain fog, anxiety and mood swings. "It can really impact jobs and relationships. Women will usually come to me and say, why don't I recognise who I am any more? Or should I leave my partner?"

"But when we investigate those feelings, it's often linked to the hormonal changes of the menopause. I have seen such an increase. As a society, we are becoming more aware of the negative impact menopause can have."

## SHOULD I LEAVE MY JOB?

Perhaps unsurprisingly, since lockdown Nicola Saunders, a registered therapist based in Derby, has noticed a spike in work-related anxieties. "Nowadays, a lot of my patients are asking me, 'Why do I have to go back to the office?'" says Saunders.

"When people were working from home, they got used to just being their normal selves," says Saunders. "They got used to not having to wear a professional mask for several years, whether that be their make-up, or their behaviour. Now, people are having to perform again by going back to the office and this is causing a lot of anxiety."

Freeman agrees that the workplace and a return to expectations around office presenteeism are causing a lot of stress currently for her clients: "A lot of my clients are experiencing stress because they used to be able to balance their life more."

"They got used to a way of working, at home, but now they are being allowed less flexibility. Now a lot of my clients are asking me whether they should leave."

**25%**

Global increase in prevalence of anxiety and depression during the first year of the pandemic

# Television Monday 19 September

## CRITIC'S CHOICE

GERARD GILBERT



### PICK OF THE DAY

#### The State Funeral Of HM Queen Elizabeth II

8am, BBC One; 9.30am, ITV

Live coverage of the state funeral of Her Majesty the Queen (left) at Westminster Abbey, the service beginning at 11am. Heads of state, prime ministers and presidents, European royalty and key figures from public life have been invited to gather in the abbey, which can hold a congregation of 2,000. Rolling coverage will continue throughout the day as the funeral procession makes its way to Windsor Castle before the coffin enters St George's Chapel for a committal service. With reports from Parliament Square as well as the Long Walk. A recap of the day's events can be seen at 8pm on BBC One.

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#### Mastermind

7pm, BBC Two

Returning for its 50th anniversary, remarkably little has changed with the quiz. There's still the portentous theme music and the drum roll as contestants approach the black chair, to be questioned by Clive Myrie. The opening four face questions on Francisco de Goya, the TV drama Peaky Blinders, Team GB at the 2020 Olympics and the Philip Marlowe novels of Raymond Chandler.

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#### Great American Railroad Journeys

7pm, BBC Four

Michael Portillo and trains – it's hard to think of a more iconic TV duo at this stage (OK, maybe Ant and Dec).

But it's not hard to see why Portillo loves taking to the rails, however, given some of the sights and sounds that he encounters on his various adventures. On this occasion, he is amid the towering peaks, rugged coastlines and crashing rivers of Alaska, where he learns about the US state's links with Russia and gets the chance to feed a sea otter pup.

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#### 24 Hours In A&E

9pm, Channel 4

It's mainly about the scooters in this week's visit to St George's Hospital in south-west London. Anthony is rushed to resus after coming off his motor scooter on his 18th birthday. Doctors are concerned that he has internal bleeding. Sixteen-year-old Jack is urgently

transferred from another hospital with multiple fractures and nerve damage in his arm after he fell off his electric scooter. On the non-scooter accident front, a 13-year-old twists his ankle.

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#### The Search For A New Earth

9pm, BBC Four

Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking thought that the human species will have to populate a new planet within 100 years if it is to survive, with climate change, pollution, deforestation, pandemics and population growth making life on Earth increasingly precarious. In this repeat of his 2017 documentary, made a year before Hawking's death, he is joined by engineering professor Danielle George and his former

	BBC ONE	BBC TWO	ITV	4	5	BBC FOUR	FILM	ITV2
Daytime	6.00 Breakfast (S). 8.00 The State Funeral Of HM Queen Elizabeth II (S). 5.00 BBC News (S). 5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S).	6.30 Money For Nothing (R) (S). 7.15 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S). 8.00 Sign Zone: The State Funeral Of HM Queen Elizabeth II (S). 5.00 Flog It! (R) (S).	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S). 9.30 Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral (S).	6.10 The World's Most Beautiful Landscapes (R) (S). 6.55 Britain's Most Beautiful Landscapes (R) (S). 9.20 Secrets Of The Royal Gardens (R) (S). 10.05 Secrets Of The Royal Gardens (R) (S). 10.55 Her Majesty The Queen (R) (S). 11.55 HM The Queen: Two Minutes' Silence (S). 12.00 A Queen Is Crowned (R) (S). 1.20 Channel 4 News Summary (S). 2.50 FILM: We'll Meet Again (Philip Brandon 1943) Musical, starring Vera Lynn (S). 4.10 Secrets Of The Royal Gardens (R) (S). 5.00 Coastal Railways With Julie Walters (R) (S).	6.00 Milkshake! (R) (S). 9.35 FILM: Thomas & Friends: Race For The Sodor Cup (Campbell Bryer, Jason Groh 2021) Animated adventure (S). 10.35 The Adventures Of Paddington (R) (S). 11.00 The Smurfs (R) (S). 11.10 FILM: The Emoji Movie (Tony Leondis 2017) Animated adventure (S). 12.30 FILM: Stuart Little (Rob Minkoff 1999) Comedy adventure (S). 1.55 FILM: Ice Age 3: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs (Carlos Saldanha, Mike Thurmeier 2009) Animated adventure sequel (S). 3.20 FILM: Sing (Garth Jennings, Christophe Lourdet 2016) Animated comedy (S). 5.00 5 News At 5 (S).	6.00 Melvin Odom Jr hosts as the students face a French cooking task in 'Celeb Cooking School' 10pm, E4	Clive Myrie presents as 'Mastermind' returns 7pm, BBC Two	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S). 9.30 Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham present coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest (S).
6pm	6.15 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered Tributes to and stories of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (S).	6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (S). 6.30 Unbeatable (S).	6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S). 6.30 ITV News; Weather (S).	6.35 Devon And Cornwall (R) (S).	6.15 Traffic Cops The road crime team leads a county lines drugs crackdown (R) (S).	7.00 Great American Railroad Journeys Michael Portillo begins a journey across Alaska (S).	7.00 Stephen Hawking ponders life elsewhere 9pm, BBC Four	6.00 Local News; Weather 6.30 ITV News (S).
7pm	6.50 FILM: Paddington 2 (Paul King 2017) Comedy adventure, with the voice of Ben Whishaw (S).	7.00 Mastermind New series. (S). 7.30 Only Connect The Cryptics take on the Strigiformes (S).	7.30 Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers The events of the past 10 days (S).	7.00 Channel 4 News (S).	7.00 Police Interceptors (R) (S). 7.55 5 News Update (S).	7.00 Great American Railroad Journeys Michael Portillo begins a journey across Alaska (S).	6.35 FILM: Sahara (Breck Eisner 2005) Adventure, with Matthew McConaughey (S).	7.30 Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers The events of the past 10 days (S).
8pm	8.30 The State Funeral Of HM Queen Elizabeth II: Events Of The Day A look back at the day's events (S).	8.00 University Challenge (S). 8.30 FILM: The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society (S).		8.00 Food Unwrapped (S). 8.30 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders (S).	8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) (S).	8.00 Art Of Persia How Iran preserved its language and culture despite the Arab conquest (S).		
9pm	10.00 BBC News At Ten (S).	10.30 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling (R) (S).	10.00 ITV News At Ten; Weather (S). 10.50 ITV Regional News; Weather (S).	9.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell (S).	9.00 24 Hours In A&E (S). 9.45 First Dates Two divorcees go in search of a more successful match (R) (S).	9.00 Police: Night Shift 999 (R) (S). 9.45 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) (S).	9.00 The Search For A New Earth The possibility of humans inhabiting other planets (S).	9.00 FILM: World War Z (Marc Forster 2013) Zombie thriller, starring Brad Pitt (S).
10pm	11.00 BBC Regional News; Weather (S). 11.25 Ellie & Natasia (R) (S). 11.40 Ellie & Natasia (R) (S).	11.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star (R) (S).	11.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell (R) (S).	10.40 First Dates Former Monty Python star Carol Cleveland arrives in the restaurant (R) (S).	10.30 999: Critical Condition A man has sustained injuries after being trapped in his car (R) (S).	10.30 Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made The Commonwealth The stories of Glasgow-built ships (S).		10.00 ITV News At Ten (S).
11pm	11.55 The Hit List Celebrity Special (R) (S). 12.45 BBC News (S).	12.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R) (S). 1.00 Sign Zone: Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (R) (S). 1.30 This Is BBC Two (S).	12.00 The Queen Remembered (R) (S).	12.45 999: On The Front Line (R) (S). 1.35 My Grandparents' War: Kit Harington (R) (S). 2.25 FILM: Pebbles (PS) Vinodhraj 2021) Premiere. Indian drama, starring Chellapandi (S).	12.50 Entertainment News On 5 (S). 1.00 Live NFL: Monday Night Football (S). 4.30 Entertainment News On 5 (S). 4.40 Wildlife SOS (R) (S). 5.05 Wildlife SOS (R) (S). 5.30 Peppa Pig (R) (S).	12.30 The Celts: Blood, Iron And Sacrifice With Alice Roberts And Neil Oliver (S). 1.30 Great American Railroad Journeys (S). 2.30 Art Of Persia (S). 3.30 Close	1.55 FILM: God's Own Country (Francis Lee 2017) Drama, starring Josh O'Connor and Alec Secareanu (S). 4.00 Close	1.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell A look back at the day's events.
Late								12.00 The Queen Remembered

student Christophe Galfard to examine if humans could relocate to other planets, travelling the globe to meet scientists, technologists and engineers working on the means and method.

### == Celebrity Cooking School 10pm, E4

Celebs and food – as they've proven in special editions of *Bake Off* and *MasterChef* – can be an entertaining mix, and so it proves in this very much lighthearted experiment, hosted by the cheeky Melvin Odom. Tonight, the famous faces have plenty to sink their teeth into as one of their number makes hotdog flavour dumplings and the students also have a less than successful encounter with French dishes.

## FILM CHOICE

LAURENCE PHELAN



### FILM OF THE DAY The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society 8.30pm, BBC Two

(Mike Newell, 2018) This romantic drama features a London writer who corresponds with residents of Guernsey after the Second World War – then visits the island to discover what it was like under Nazi occupation. In 1946, Juliet Ashton's career has taken off, but she is not enjoying promoting her detective stories to eager audiences on a book tour. When she receives a letter from a Guernsey pig farmer inviting her to attend his literary society, she eagerly accepts. What Juliet discovers about her new friends and their secrets leads to her staying much longer than she planned. Lily James (left) heads the cast.

### == Labor Day 3.05pm, Sky Cinema Drama

(Jason Reitman, 2013) An adaptation of a Joyce Maynard novel about the relationship that forms between an escaped prisoner (Josh Brolin) and the single mother (Kate Winslet) with whom he hides out one weekend in 1987.

### == Air Force One 9pm, Great! Movies

(Wolfgang Petersen, 1997) The US president's plane is hijacked by Kazakh terrorists. Luckily, the US president is a former war hero played by Harrison Ford, and able to take on Gary Oldman and his band of baddies himself. Basically, *Die Hard* at 40,000ft.

## ON DEMAND

### Deepfake Porn: You Could Be Next BBC iPlayer

A look at the emergence of a new form of sexual abuse.

### The Serpent Queen Starzplay

Samantha Morton plays the 16th-century ruler Catherine de Medici.

### The Monocled Mutineer BritBox

Paul McGann in a controversial 1986 drama.

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6.00 **Good Morning Britain** (S). 9.30 **Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral** (S).

6.00 **Hollyoaks** (S). 7.00 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S). 8.00 **Black-ish** (S). 9.00 **How I Met Your Mother** (S). 10.00 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 10.30 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 11.00 **Young Sheldon** (S). 11.30 **Young Sheldon** (S). 12.00 **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (S). 12.30 **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (S). 1.00 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 1.30 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 2.00 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 2.30 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 3.00 **Young Sheldon** (S). 3.30 **Young Sheldon** (S). 4.00 **Teen First Dates** (S). 5.00 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 5.30 **The Big Bang Theory** (S).

6.00 **Local News; Weather**  
6.30 **ITV News**

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). 6.30 **The Big Bang Theory** Sheldon faces up to his nemesis (S).

7.30 **Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers** The events of the past 10 days (S).

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Juliet warns Sid to keep Victor at arm's length (S). 7.30 **The Big Bang Theory** (S).

9.00 **Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell** (S).

9.00 **Married At First Sight UK** The final two couples in the experiment set off on their honeymoons (S).

10.00 **ITV News At Ten** (S).

10.00 **Celeb Cooking School** One of the five celebrities makes hotdog flavour dumplings (S).

11.00 **Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell** (R) (S).

11.05 **Gogglebox** The panel members assess more television programmes (S).

12.00 **The Queen Remembered**

12.10 **First Dates Hotel** (S). 1.15 **Married At First Sight UK** (S). 2.20 **The Big Blow Out** (S). 3.10 **Below Deck** (S). 4.05 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S). 4.55 **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (S).

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8.55 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems** (S). 9.15 **A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away** (S). 10.05 **A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away** (S). 11.05 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (S). 12.05 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (S). 1.05 **Heir Hunters** (S). 2.10 **Four In A Bed** (S). 2.40 **Four In A Bed** (S). 3.15 **Four In A Bed** (S). 3.50 **Four In A Bed** (S). 4.20 **Four In A Bed** (S). 4.50 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (S).

6.00 **Highway Patrol** (R) (S). 6.30 **Stargate SG-1** (R) (S). 7.30 **Stargate SG-1** (R) (S). 8.30 **Rob & Romesh vs NBA Basketball** (R). 9.30 **The Ultimate Romcom Movies** (R) (S). 10.30 **The Funeral Of Queen Elizabeth II** (R). 1.30 **Anthony Joshua vs Rob & Romesh 2** (R) (S). 2.30 **Flintoff: From Lord's To The Ring** (R). 3.30 **Flintoff: From Lord's To The Ring** (R). 4.30 **Flintoff: From Lord's To The Ring** (R). 5.30 **Stargate SG-1** (R) (S).

6.00 **Urban Secrets** (R) (S). 6.50 **Urban Secrets** (R) (S). 7.45 **Boardwalk Empire** (R) (S). 8.50 **Boardwalk Empire** (R) (S). 10.00 **Micro Monsters with David Attenborough** (R) (S). 10.30 **The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II** (S). 1.30 **Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets** (R) (S). 2.30 **Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets** (R) (S). 3.30 **Boardwalk Empire** (R) (S). 4.40 **Boardwalk Empire** (R) (S).

5.55 **Cas SOS** Tim and Fuzz restore a 1997 Peugeot 106 Rallye. (S).

6.30 **Stargate SG-1** A sleepy seaside town hides a sinister secret (R) (S).

5.45 **The Sopranos** Tony warns Janice about her new love (R) (S).

6.55 **Escape To The Chateau** Dick and Angel Strawbridge transform one of the old outbuildings (S).

7.30 **Cricket's Funniest Moments** A selection of comical clips (R) (S).

6.50 **The Sopranos** Bobby's wife has a car accident (R) (S).

8.00 **Below Deck: Mediterranean** Guests come aboard to celebrate their seven-month anniversary (S).

7.55 **Wondrous Wales** A photographer studies puffins on the Pembrokeshire coast (S).

8.00 **Resident Alien** Harry and Asta's trip is interrupted (R) (S).

7.55 **Game Of Thrones** Daenerys arrives in Slaver's Bay looking to form an army (R) (S).

9.00 **Devon And Cornwall** The head gardener at Cornwall's Lost Gardens of Heligan sows flowers (S).

9.00 **COBRA: Cyberwar** A breach at the port of Dover means a threat may be in play (R) (S).

9.00 **House Of The Dragon** Game Of Thrones prequel, starring Paddy Considine (R).

10.00 **Homes From Hell: Caught On Camera** The dangers lurking inside homes (S).

10.00 **Brassic** Chinese Dan gives his retired racing greyhound to Cardi (R) (S).

10.10 **Gangs Of London** Darren wrestles with the chaos he has unleashed (R) (S).

11.05 **24 Hours In A&E** The stories of patients who are facing adversity head-on (S).

11.00 **A League Of Their Own** With Kyle Walker, Russell Howard, Maisie Adam and David Walliams (R) (S).

11.15 **House Of The Dragon** Game Of Thrones prequel, starring Paddy Considine (R).

12.10 **Shocking Emergency Calls** (S). 1.00 **Homes From Hell: Caught On Camera** (S). 1.55 **24 Hours In A&E** (S). 2.45 **Food Unwrapped** (S). 3.50 **Close**

12.00 **The Ultimate Romcom Movies** (R) (S). 1.00 **NCIS: New Orleans** (R) (S). 3.00 **Hawaii Five-0** (R) (S). 4.00 **MacGyver** (R) (S). 5.00 **Highway Patrol** (R) (S).

12.25 **The Nevers** (R) (S). 1.40 **Irma Vep** (R) (S). 2.45 **I Hate Suzie** (R) (S). 3.30 **In Treatment** (R) (S). 4.00 **Urban Secrets** (R) (S). 5.00 **Urban Secrets** (R) (S).

## Radio

### BBC Radio 1

6am **Radio 1 Relax** 7.00 Radio 1 Early Breakfast With Arielle Free 10.00 Radio 1 Breakfast With Greg James 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Dean And Vicki 3.30 Going Home With Vicki And Jordan 4.55 Newsbeat 6.00 Clara Amfo 9.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist With Sian Eleri 10.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist With Sian Eleri 11.00 Radio 1's Wind Down Presents 12.00 Radio 1's Wind Down Presents 1.00 Radio 1's Decompression Session 2.00 Radio 1's Classical Movie Mixtape 3.00 Radio 1's Chillout Anthems 4.00 Radio 1 Relax In Love 5.00 Radio 1 Early Breakfast With Arielle Free

### BBC Radio 1Xtra

6am 1Xtra Playlists 7.00 Nadia Jao 10.00 Ace 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Remi Burgz 4.00 Nick Bright 5.45pm Newsbeat 6.00 Nick Bright 7.00 DJ Target 9.00 Sian Anderson 11.00 Amapiano To AfroHouse 12.00 Amapiano To AfroHouse 1.00 1Xtra @ 20-20 Years Of African Sounds 2.00 1Xtra @ 20-20 Years Of African Sounds 3.00 1Xtra's R&B Chill Mix 4.00 1Xtra's Influence With Koffee 5.00 1Xtra's Cosmic Wind Down With Jamz Supernova

### BBC Radio 2

6.30am Radio 2 With Zoe Ball 9.30 Radio 2 With Gary Davies 10.45 Radio 2 With Jeremy Vine 11.00 The State Funeral Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 11.55 Radio 2 With Jeremy Vine 2pm Radio 2 With Steve Wright 5.00 Radio 2 With Sara Cox 7.00 Radio 2 With Jo Whiley 9.00 Radio 2 With Trevor Nelson 12.00 OJ Borg 2.30 One Hit Wonders With OJ Borg 3.00 Pick Of The Pops 4.00 Early Breakfast Show

### BBC Radio 3

6.30am Breakfast. Petroc Trelawny presents 9.00 Essential Classics. A selection of music and features. 11.00 The State Funeral Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Live coverage of the processions and service from Westminster Abbey. 12.00 Essential Classics. A selection of music and features. 1.00 A Sequence Of Music With Penny Gore. A selection of classical pieces. 4.00 The Service Of Committal Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Live coverage of the procession and service from St George's Chapel, Windsor. 5.00 In Tune. Sean Rafferty is joined by pianist Angela Hewitt. 7.00 In Tune Mixtape. An eclectic non-stop mix of music. 7.30 BBC Singers Songs Of Farewell. A programme of reflective choral music. 9.00 Composer Of The Week: Emilie Mayer. Donald Macleod explores the life and work of the German composer. 10.00 Music Matters. Tom Service talks to American

composer John Adams. 10.45 The Essay: Coming Home. Helen Cross reflects on clubbing in 1990s Birmingham. 11.00 Night Tracks. A soundtrack for late-night listening. 12.30am Through The Night. Including a concert given by Voces8 in Madrid.

### BBC Radio 4

6am **Today** 9.00 The State Funeral Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1.30pm The World At One 2.30pm The Service Of Committal Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 North By Northamptonshire. Comedy, with Katherine Jakeways. 7.00 The Archers. Shula stands up for a friend. 7.15 Front Row. A celebration of the music and life of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. 8.00 Beyond Belief. Faith in the modern world. 8.30 Crossing Continents. South Korea's status as one of the most stressed and tired nations on Earth. 9.00 Batman And Ethan. A blind man who "sees" through echo location teaches a boy his skills. 9.30 Cold As A Mountain Top. Robert Macfarlane explores WH Murray's book Mountaineering in Scotland. 10.00 The World Tonight. Presented by Ritula Shah. 10.45 Book At Bedtime: Stone Blind. By Natalie Haynes. 11.00 In Suburbia. Ian Hislop compares Ealing with the suburbs of the late 19th-century. Last in the series. 11.30 **The Psalms**. Jeremy Irons reads from The King James version. 12.00 News And Weather 12.30 Book Of The Week: Fen, Bog & Swamp 12.45 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As BBC World Service 5.20 Shipping Forecast 5.30 News Briefing 5.43 Prayer For The Day 5.45 Farming Today 5.58 Tweet Of The Day

### BBC Radio 4 LW

5.54pm **Shipping Forecast**

### BBC Radio 4 Extra

6am Paul Temple And The

### Pick of the day



### Composer of the Week: Emilie Mayer

9pm, BBC Radio 3 Donald Macleod (above) explores the life and work of the German composer, who is considered to be the most prolific female composer of the Romantic period.

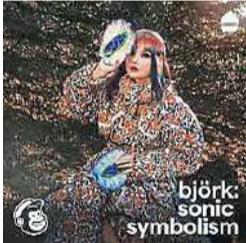
Jonathan Mystery 6.30 Agatha Raisin 7.00 Hazelbeach 7.30 Mark Steel's In Town 8.00 Round The Horne 8.30 Poetry Extra 9.00 Desert Island Discs

9.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories 10.00 September Tide 11.00 TED Radio Hour 11.45 The Frederica Quartet - Omnibus 1pm Paul Temple And The Jonathan Mystery

1.30 Agatha Raisin 2.00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker 3.00 TBA 6.0

## Podcasts

**Björk: Sonic Symbolism**



Björk is one of the world's most fascinating music-makers, and her new *Sonic Symbolism* series is one of the closest glances she has ever given listeners and fans into her process, which seems to be unique and as idiosyncratic as she is.

Each episode is dedicated to one of her albums, from 1993's *Debut* all the way up to *Medúlla* (2004), with more to come on *Volta*, *Biophilia*, *Vulnicura*, *Utopia*, and new LP *Fossora*, which is due for release on 30 September.

Hearing Björk speak with her collaborators and peers about her work, which has spanned so many genres, sounds and approaches, is a thrill – along with performing, acting and producing, podcasting is another medium that suits this otherworldly genius.

Lauren O'Neill

Jim Howick's most famous work depends on who you're talking to. Many remember him as chronically ill office grunt Gerard in *Peep Show*, which launched the careers of Olivia Colman, David Mitchell, Robert Webb and *Succession* writer Jesse Armstrong. Younger viewers may know him from the hit children's series *Horrible Histories*, or as Mr Hendricks, the sweet but bumbling science teacher on Netflix's smash hit *Sex Education*. But it's his work on *Ghosts*, both on and off screen, that has cemented his place as one of British comedy's most valuable players.

"Most successful comedy at the moment is biographical, already rooted in truth," says Howick. "Our show is more of a fundamental sitcom edging on fantasy. We try to balance jokes with heart and pathos – finding an earthy human element was quite hard at first. Then we realised our characters aren't just ghosts – they're people." Whatever the formula, it works.

The show, which will open its fourth series on Friday, centres on married couple Alison (Charlotte Ritchie) and Mike (Kiell Smith-Bynoe), who come into possession of a rundown mansion that's home to a host of ghosts who have died on the property over the ages. Among them is caveman Robin (Laurence Rickard), trouserless Tory MP Julian (Simon Farnaby), Second World War army officer The Captain (Ben Willbond) and 80s Scout leader Pat, who died in an arrow shooting accident and is played by Howick, who really was a Scout in his youth.

When we speak, Howick is packing for Edinburgh Fringe. Usually, comedians are a wriggling bag of nerves before they head to the festival – worrying about audiences, about reviews, about how much it will cost. Not Howick. This year, he's a punter. "I feel like after all the years of trauma, I've earned the right to really enjoy myself," he says, only half-joking. The 43-year-old first went up to the Fringe with his sketch group Plastic Cowboys 20 years ago. "It was terrifying," he remembers. "I didn't really enjoy it. I was just completely overwhelmed by the idea that it was a waste of money." Their first show was a play, *Growing Nowhere*, about a young boy whose imaginary shadow refuses to leave him alone – a review from the time likened it to "Grange Hill if it had been staged by David Lynch".

The trio (made up of Howick, Adam Amos and Robin Savage) didn't return to the festival until 2006. By that point, Howick had done a few advert voiceovers and played a part in Guillermo del Toro's 2004 superhero movie *Hellboy*, so he had "cash to throw at Edinburgh". The second Plastic Cowboys show went down well, but Howick is the only one still performing.

*Ghosts* started life as a *Muppet Show*-style project. "We wanted to create a multi-character,

# “Our characters aren’t just ghosts, they’re people”

**Comedian Jim Howick talks to Emily Baker about the new series of 'Ghosts', and why it's been so hard to write an American version of 'Horrible Histories'**



Monty Python type of format," says Howick. "We went around the houses really. We had lots of ideas about filling the house with ghosts completely and having different ghosts in each room like Royston Vasey. What we ended up with was more like *Toy Story* or *The Bash Street Kids* – a small gang who wouldn't ever come together if they weren't incarcerated in this house. Everyone wants to be in a gang."

While the jokes are funny and the stories often touching, the real strength of *Ghosts* comes in its well-defined characters. "I think people enjoy identifying with a different ghost," says Howick.

In the case of his own character, "The way [Pat] died was the first element of him coming to life," says Howick, not noticing his own pun. "That just made us laugh. We built his

story around that. We realised that his family were probably still alive, and that they'd be the type of people to come and visit the place where he died."

This train of thought resulted in an episode, "Happy Death Day", which was not

only hilarious, but a real tearjerker.

And he points to The Captain, who at the start of the series is secretly gay, as having a particular resonance with viewers. "We've always had a big LGBTQ+ following. He represents a voice of the stifled and rigid society of his era. He's become something really special."

*Ghosts* must have been an easy "yes" for the BBC when it was commissioned in 2018. Not only was it a much-needed family sitcom, but it also came with a ready-made, built-in audience: the grown-up fans of CBBC series *Horrible Histories*. It is the cast of that silly, genre-busting sketch series who created and now write *Ghosts* – Howick, Farnaby, Rickard, Willbond, Mathew Baynton and Martha Howe-Douglas.

"We didn't write most of that," says Howick, "we were just actors for hire. But we're really proud of it. It had a punky feel. We were allowed to do whatever we wanted to do, to a point."

Often, *Horrible Histories* would toe the line of suitability on a BBC children's show. Howick recalls hav-

**“‘Horrible Histories’ was all completely factual. But the angle is a naughty one”**



ing to "jump through a few hoops" to play Pope Alexander VI as a Marlon Brando-type gangster. "We wanted to see history from the point of view of the naughtiest person in the class. We never lied about it or made things up. It's all completely factual. But the angle is a naughty one."

Post-Brexit, a *Horrible Histories* song from 2008 did the rounds on the internet, in which "typically" British things – tea, sugar, cotton – were (correctly) pointed out to be the result of war and slavery abroad. Right-wing commentators were furious, and Andrew Neil called it "anti-British drivel of a high order".

Howick sighs with a smile when I bring it up. "The usual suspects kicked off. Mat [Baynton, who appears in the skit] got a lot of stick for it. It was a sketch from 10 years ago and it's all true. It doesn't matter if you find it provocative, it's something we should all know."

"The root cause of these opinions is usually something warped. I imagine it's down to these people's education – they should have been taught these kinds of things."

*Horrible Histories* came to an end in 2014, but the rise of TikTok has prompted a renaissance for the show. There was a time when it was impossible to scroll through the app without hearing the Adam Ant-inspired song about Dick Turpin or



Clockwise from main, Howick; an episode of 'Horrible Histories'; as Pat in 'Ghosts' RORY LINDSAY; GUIDO MANDOZZI

the rollicking tune that listed every British monarch in order. "It does make us feel old, obviously," says Howick. "It's always had that appeal to all ages, people from eight to 80 would watch it. Often people who never even had kids would stop us and say they loved it."

Howick would rather look forward than back. For now, he's entirely focused on *Ghosts*, which now has an American remake on CBS. "Because it's such a young country, there's a more concentrated period of brutalisation and colonisation, which is simply not funny," says Howick of translating the idea to American history.

"We didn't want loads of charac-

ters to have died within a hundred years of each other. It would look like the house was cursed. From the start we wanted to collaborate with the network, to find out how far they were willing to go. Would they let us have an LGBTQ+ storyline? Would they let us have a Native American ghost?" They got both.

As for the British version, don't be surprised if it comes to an end soon. "The dream is five series," admits Howick. "I think 10 is a ridiculous flogging. You're on the cusp of losing your shelf life. Five is the optimum."

'Ghosts' returns to BBC One at 8.50pm this Friday

## The weekend's television

GERARD GILBERT

# Overblown cop yarn's second series fails to put the pieces together

» **Bloodlands** BBC One 9.05pm, Sunday ★★★★

**B**loodlands was one of the most eagerly anticipated crime dramas of last year. Overseen by *Line of Duty* creator Jed Mercurio, with a powerful setting of an uneasy post-peace process Northern Ireland and starring James Nesbitt as a morally ambiguous murder cop, this thriller had all the ingredients for some unmissable Sunday-night TV.

Alas, after a promising start it fell apart – a silly, overblown yarn peppered with plot holes. Echoing *Line of Duty*'s ongoing "Who is H?" teaser, it invited viewers to guess the identity of a serial killer dubbed Goliath – only for it to become obvious that it was none other than Nesbitt's character DCI Tom Brannick.

Presumably the first series scored well with viewers, however, for here we were again beside Strangford Lough in County Down. Has *Bloodlands* managed to pick up the scattered pieces and build back better? Sadly not.

The first episode flashed back to 1998, as a balaclava-obscured figure covertly observed men unload cases from a rowing boat. After executing them and checking that the cases contained gold bars and assault weapons, the mysterious figure ripped off his balaclava to reveal a youthfully Photoshopped Nesbitt as Tom Brannick. If that was supposed to be a surprise, it failed.

Cut to the greyer, craggier Nesbitt of today as Brannick –



There was nothing subtle about James Nesbitt's acting and over-emphatic glances in 'Bloodlands' BBC

at a picture of his baby daughter, Izzy, before executing the bullion smugglers. Aww, at least he's a loving daddy.

But that pinpoints another problem. What are we supposed to think of Brannick? There's certainly a greater emphasis on his paternal side in the new series as he helps Izzy (Lola Petticrew) buy a house and secure a work placement at police HQ under his boss Jackie Twomey (Lorcan Cranitch). Yes, the same Jackie Twomey who Brannick attempted to frame for murder in series one. But then it's best not to ask too many questions when watching *Bloodlands*.

Cranitch and Charlene McKenna as Brannick's police sidekick Niamh McGovern add some welcome naturalism, while Victoria Smurfit as the murdered accountant's widow Olivia is so blatantly untrustworthy that she might as well be wearing a T-shirt with "dodgy" emblazoned on it.

Not that Brannick had any intention of letting her out of his sight – whether that was for professional or personal reasons was unclear. From the way she personally blamed Brannick after he broke the news of her husband's murder and later held his hand, there appears to be a history between the two. Getting to the root of this relationship may prove to be the most compelling reason to continue watching. That and an apparently sweet romantic sub-plot involving Izzy and Brannick's diffident driver Birdy (Chris Walley).

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miraculously still a serving police officer – drove to inspect a fresh murder victim. He recognised the corpse as that of an accountant, Colin Foyle, from a shared dishonourable past, presumably concerning that misappropriated gold bullion. The plot now seemingly rests not so much on finding Colin Foyle's killer but on Brannick finding the gold.

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# Soothed by silence

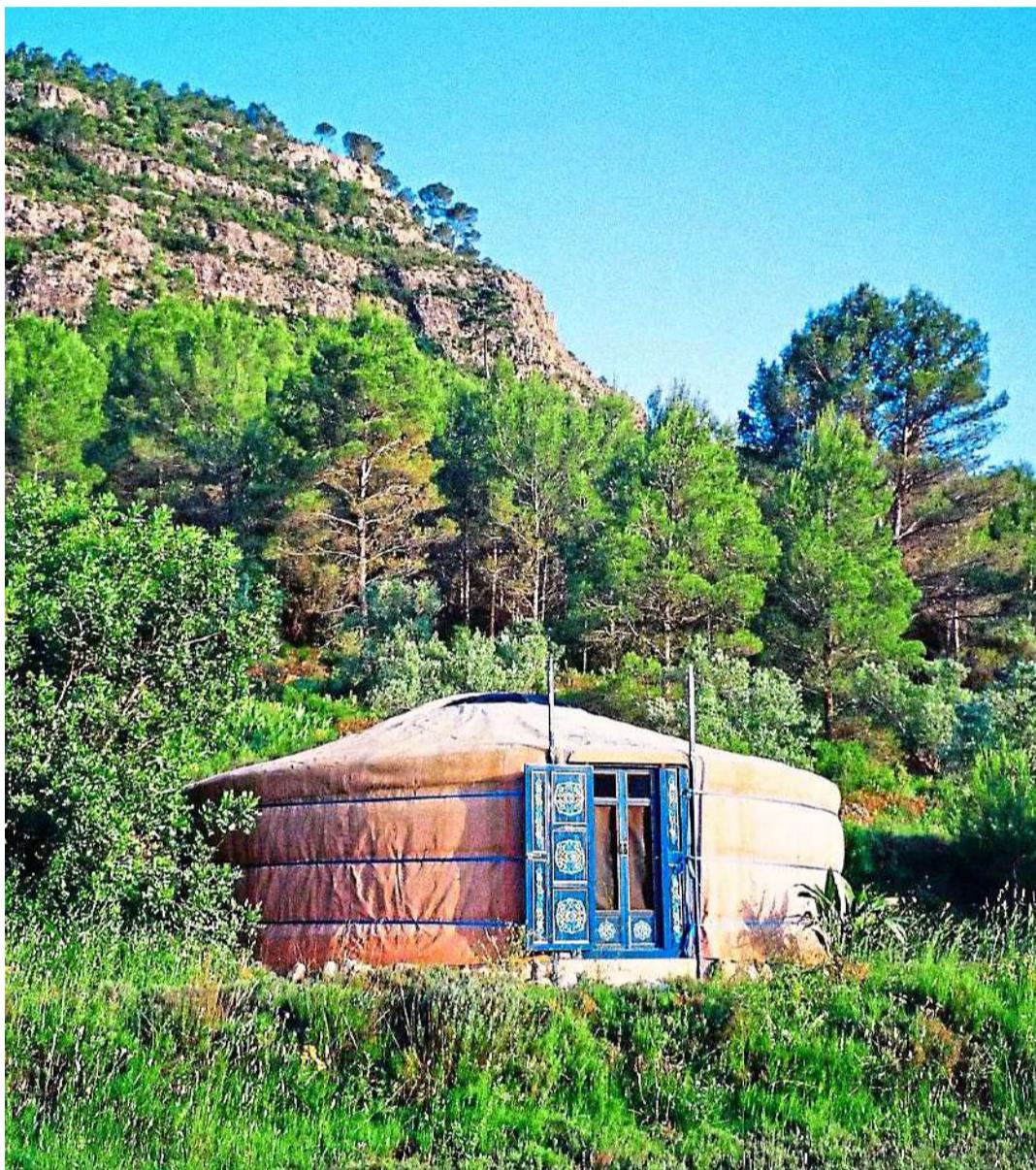
In her new book, 'Quiet Escapes', **Emma Thomson**

offers a guide to finding calm, including an off-grid community in Valencia

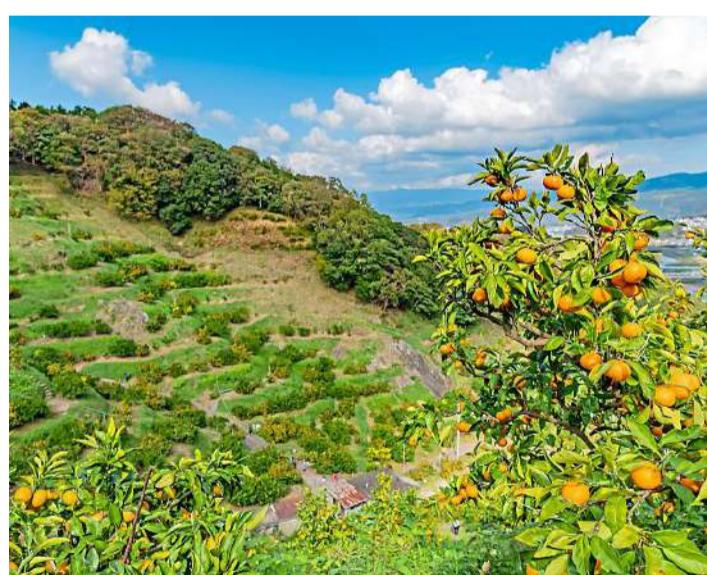
**W**hether you go for a short break or choose to live off-grid for a little longer, the benefits will seep into your soul. Who of us hasn't yearned for a life free from bills and the 9-to-5 grind; to have a routine governed by daylight and cockerels, instead of clocks; and perhaps to live as part of a close-knit community where connections are unfractured by constant phone and screen use?

Two Dutch couples, Ellen and Jeroen plus Inge and Brother, with their children, had this yearning, and so they set up Kausay – an off-grid community in Valencia, eastern Spain. Hidden in a valley outside the reach of mobile networks and surrounded by olive groves, orange trees and fields of grazing horses, Kausay is a collection of yurts with an organic garden, steeped in quiet and the scent of pine and wild herbs.

Kausay is an Incan word meaning "Life Force" and this is what the families try to restore to their



(Main and above) Off-grid Kausay features a collection of yurts and a peaceful, organic garden



A mandarin orange plantation provides part of the idyllic backdrop

## Kausay is hidden in a valley outside the reach of mobile networks

guests in a landscape barely changed since Roman times.

On this land, Ellen – who is trained in mindfulness-based stress reduction and has attended Vipassana (the Buddhist practice of silent meditation) retreats for more than 20 years – guides five-day silent retreats.

These follow a relaxed schedule beginning with morning yoga and include yatra (silent meditative walks), singing circles and meditative dance, interspersed with talks on the senses and metta (the Buddhist ideal of loving kindness). No pre-

vious experience of meditation is required.

However, if sitting still sounds frustrating, then Ellen also hosts five-day walking retreats because she believes the act of placing one foot in front of the other calms the mind and keeps you focused on the present, reconnecting you with your body and the Earth.

The centre also offers affordable week-long family retreats, too. Mornings are spent separately: kids (aged four and over) are entertained by Jeroen (a former social worker) who leads them on adventures in nature, such as harvesting vegetables or making music, while parents practise yoga, or meditation, or sit in periods of silence.

The afternoons are for family time, such as swimming in the local waterfall or going for

ice cream in the village. Come nightfall, parents can take turns looking after the children while their partner takes part in a women's or men's sharing circle beneath the stars.

Families, couples or solo travellers who would like to stay longer can apply for a volunteering role and work in the garden in exchange for food and board.

Although similar to the concept of Wwoofing (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms), Kausay differs in that it's not strict about the number of hours you are expected to work each day but, rather, agrees them based on an understanding between the individual and the collective need of the community and, of course, the season.

Outside of this work, you can hike through the valley, bathe in the *fuente* (hot springs), take horse riding lessons, or just laze in a hammock with a good book.

But above all, the aim is learning how to enjoy community living in the company of two families and a mix of short-stay and long-term volunteers. To spend quiet days beneath the sun, with your hands in the soil, and then sit down to a meal prepared with food you've grown and gathered, and swap ideas instead of gossip, or just sit in collective silence listening to the wind, or far-off whinny of horses.

*The nearest airports are Valencia or Alicante or you can catch the train to the nearest station, Xativa, which is two to three hours' drive away. Kausay can arrange pick-ups from all these locations. Stays are donation-based.*



This is an extract from 'Quiet Escapes: 50 Inspiring Destinations to find your Zen', by Emma Thomson, (Quercus, £22)

## Other quiet retreats

### Shambala Gatherings

#### Skinnskatteberg, Sweden

This homely lakeside community of artists and yogis opens its doors to top international yoga and spiritual teachers running retreats. On the fringes of the elk-filled forests of Bergslagen

and with a floating wood sauna, it's undoubtedly beautiful in summer but best visited in the snow-muffled silence of winter.

### New Life

#### Serra da Estrela, Portugal

If you're suffering from burnout,

anxiety, depression or loneliness this wellness retreat offers a holistic blend of meditation and yoga combined with counselling and life-coaching in a community setting in order to cultivate a sense of belonging. All set amid the wide open

spaces of central Portugal's mountain landscape.

### Joali Being

#### Bodufushi, Maldives

A holiday to the tropical Maldives offers peace and quiet anyway, but this

transformational luxury resort goes above and beyond to help you reconnect, "to one's self, one another, and one's environment", with an individually tailored mind and body programme created by Oxford- and Harvard-trained doctors.

## Today's Weather

Cloudy in the northern half of the UK with patchy rain in the far north-west. Drier and brighter further south. The odd light shower.

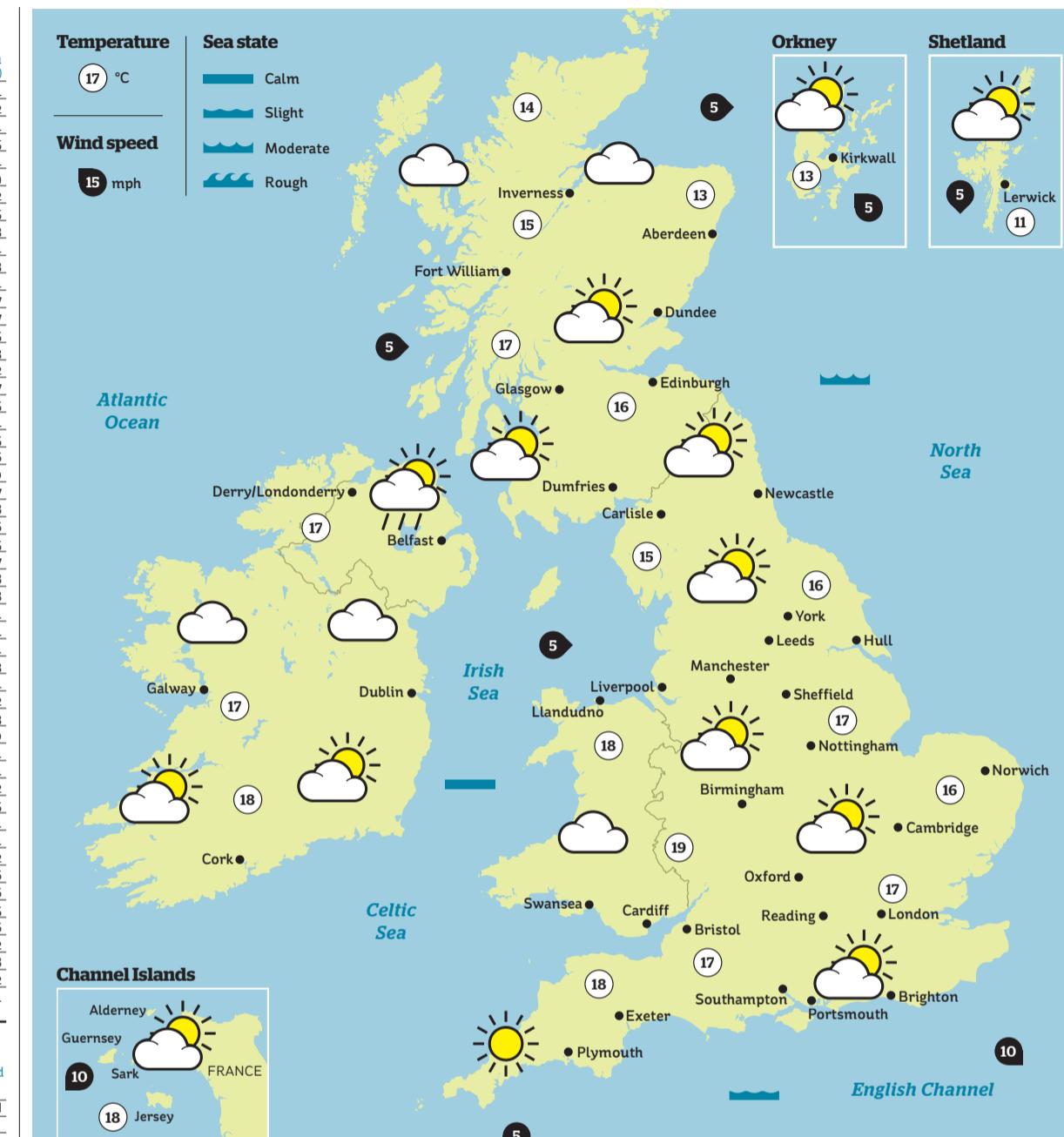
Today's high **19°** Today's low **6°** Moon Phase  Sunrise **06:41** Sunset **19:06**

## Around Britain

City	Temp (Midday yesterday)	Rain (mm)	Sun (hrs)
Aberdeen	12	DR	1.8
Aberporth	14	C	0.0
Aberystwyth	15	F	0.0
Aviemore	10	C	1.4
Belfast	14	C	0.4
Birmingham	16	F	0.0
Bournemouth	17	F	0.0
Bridlington	14	C	0.0
Bristol	17	F	0.3
Cardiff	15	C	0.0
Cromer	15	C	0.1
Durham	14	C	0.0
Eastbourne	17	F	0.0
Edinburgh	14	C	0.0
Eskdalemuir	14	C	0.4
Glasgow	15	C	0.0
Holyhead	16	F	0.0
Hove	17	F	0.0
Hull	14	C	0.0
Huntingdon	16	C	0.0
Ipswich	16	F	0.0
Isle of Man	16	F	0.0
Isle of Wight	16	F	0.0
Kinlochewe	13	C	4.4
Kirkwall	12	F	2.2
Leeds	15	C	0.0
Lerwick	11	F	1.0
Leuchars	12	C	0.2
Lincoln	15	C	0.0
Liverpool	16	C	0.0
London	16	F	0.0
Manchester	15	F	0.5
Margate	16	F	0.0
Milford Haven	16	F	0.0
Morecambe	16	DR	0.0
Newcastle	14	S	0.1
Norwich	15	S	0.3
Nottingham	16	C	0.0
Okehampton	14	F	0.0
Oxford	16	F	0.0
Plymouth	16	F	0.0
Portland	16	F	0.0
Portsmouth	16	F	0.0
Prestwick	14	C	1.0
Rhyl	14	C	0.1
Sheffield	16	C	0.0
Shrewsbury	15	C	0.0
Skegness	16	F	0.0
Southend	17	F	0.0
Stoke	14	C	0.4
Stornoway	13	C	0.0
Swansea	16	F	0.0
Tiree	14	C	1.6

## Global

City	Temp (in °C)	Cond	City	Temp (in °C)	Cond
Abu Dhabi	38	F	Miami	31	TH
Abuja	25	SH	Milan	23	S
Alicante	27	C	Moscow	15	F
Amsterdam	13	SH	Mumbai	26	SH
Athens	32	S	Munich	10	SH
Bangkok	27	DR	New York	21	F
Barcelona	25	F	Nice	24	S
Beijing	27	F	Palma	27	S
Berlin	15	SH	Paris	19	S
Brussels	14	S	Prague	13	F
Budapest	14	C	Reykjavik	11	C
Chicago	28	F	Rio	20	DR
Delhi	32	F	Rome	25	S
Dubai	37	F	Stockholm	14	F
Dublin	16	F	Strasbourg	16	F
Frankfurt	14	SH	Sydney	21	S
Geneva	15	S	Tenerife	24	C
Helsinki	13	C	Tokyo	26	R
Hong Kong	33	F	Toronto	22	C
Istanbul	28	TH	Vancouver	16	F
Johannesburg	26	S	Vienna	15	S
Lisbon	28	S	Warsaw	12	C
Los Angeles	24	F	Washington	27	S
Madrid	26	S	Wellington	16	F



**GENERAL SITUATION** Today most of the United Kingdom will be under an influence of a high pressure system located to the south-west. This will result in largely dry conditions across the south. However, the odd shower cannot be ruled out in central and central-southern England. Sunny spells in the south-west and south-east. The north will see thick cloud building in through the day, bringing light showers that will linger until the evening.

**SW England, SE Eng, S Wales, Channel Is, London, East Anglia, N Isles:** Today will see dry conditions until the evening. Patchy cloud will linger for much

of the morning but there will also be plenty of sunshine. Similar conditions through the afternoon as largely sunny skies persist with only a few patches of cloud lingering. There will be a light variable wind throughout the day. Max temp: 19C. Tonight, variable cloud. Min temp: 6C.

**Republic of Ireland, N Ireland:** Today will see dry conditions throughout the day. The morning will start with light patchy cloud lingering. The west will be the sunniest whilst the north and east will stay largely cloudy. Similar conditions in the afternoon with sunny spells, mostly in the west and south. Light and variable wind.

Max temp: 18C. Tonight, dry and cloudy. Min temp: 9C.

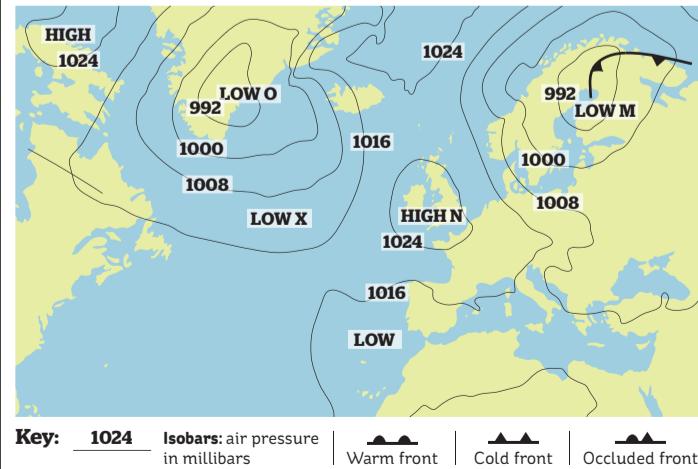
**N Wales, Cen S England, IoM, Midlands, NW Eng, NE Eng, E Eng:** This morning will start with largely cloudy skies but a few sunnier spells are possible. However, as the day progresses, thicker cloud will build in, reducing the chance of any sunshine. As more cloud builds in, spells of rain will drift in from the west and linger until the evening. Max temp: 18C. Tonight, cloudy and wet. Min temp: 9C.

**NE Scotland, SE Scotland:** The morning will start with patchy cloud and plenty of sunny spells. As the morning progresses thicker

cloud will build in from the west. However, conditions will remain dry with a few sunnier spells also possible in the second half of the day. A light and variable wind. Max temp: 16C. Tonight, cloudy and wet. Min temp: 9C.

**SW Scotland, W Isles:** This morning will start with a few spells of early sunshine but thicker cloud will quickly build in from the west. This cloud will also bring spells of light rain that will linger across the region until the evening. Overall, it will be a dull and wet day with no sunshine in the afternoon. Max temp: 17C. Tonight, cloudy and wet. Min temp: 11C.

Key: C=Cloudy, DR=Drizzle, F=Fair, FG=Fog, H=Hail, M=Mist, R=Rain, S=Sunny, SH=Showers, SL=Sleet, SN=Snow, SS=Sandstorm, TH=Thunderstorm



**SYNOPTIC PRESSURE** Low M will continue to push north-eastwards, moving away into western Russia. Low O will drift east, with developing secondary low X moving north-eastwards. High N will remain over the UK, but will gradually sink to the south, allowing fronts associated with secondary low X to trail across northern parts of the UK.

**HIGHS AND LOWS** (Yesterday, up to 2pm)

**Warmest:** Pershore, Worcestershire, 19C

**Coldest:** Exeter Airport No. 2, Devon, 1C

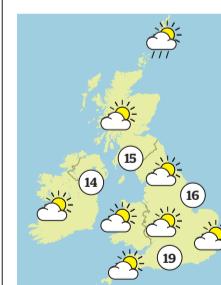
**Wettest:** Altnaharra, Sutherland, 7.6mm

**Sunniest:** Bournemouth, Dorset, 10.3hrs

**HOURS OF DARKNESS** (Yesterday, up to 2pm)

Aberdeen	19:17-06:49
Birmingham	19:13-06:49
Bristol	19:15-06:53
Cardiff	19:18-06:55
Glasgow	19:24-06:58
Hull	19:07-06:43
Inverness	19:24-06:56
Liverpool	19:18-06:53
London	19:06-06:43
Manchester	19:15-06:51
Stornoway	19:34-07:06
Swansea	19:21-06:58
York	19:10-06:46

**SATURDAY** A dry and sunny start to the day for many but showers will linger across the eastern parts of the UK. Sunny spells throughout.

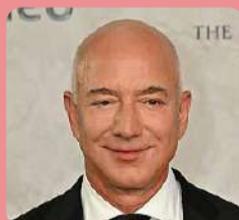


## Air Pollution Index

Air pollution levels  
Low (1) Very high (10)  
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Region	Today	Tomorrow
Highlands	2	3
North East Scotland	2	2
Central Scotland	2	2
Scottish Borders	2	2
Northern Ireland	2	3
North West & Mersey	2	3
North East	2	2
Yorkshire & Humber	2	2
North Wales	3	3
West Midlands	2	3
East Midlands	2	2
South Wales	3	3
South West	3	3
South East	2	2
Eastern	2	2
Greater London	2	2

## Quote of the day



If you want unusual results, you're going to need some missionary, brilliant 'organisational misfits' on your team

**Jeff Bezos**  
The Amazon boss tweeting about the streaming service's 'Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power'

## TRANSPORT

# Hydrogen fuel cell 'more economical than diesel'

By Sadie Whitelocks

Canadian hydrogen fuel cell maker Loop Energy, which recently expanded into the UK, has revealed that its latest cell system can deliver better fuel economy than a diesel engine at current price levels.

The company based in Burnaby, British Columbia, said that – based on a pan-European diesel cost of \$1.91 (£1.66) per litre on 5 September and \$10 per kg of hydrogen – a truck could travel just over 111 miles on \$100 worth of fuel using its new S1200 hydrogen fuel cell system versus a little over 109 miles for an equivalent diesel truck.

As the auto industry makes the shift to zero-emission electric vehicles (EVs), big freight truck makers such as Daimler Truck and Volvo are investing heavily in hydrogen fuel

cells to haul freight long distances because batteries weigh too much to make electric trucks viable.

Fuel cells run hydrogen through a catalyst that produces energy and heat to power a small battery that drives the truck. The only emission is water.

Hydrogen fuel cells have faced two challenges for broad adoption: they have so far been less efficient than diesel and fuelling infrastructure in Europe is virtually non-existent.

Loop's CEO, Ben Nyland, said the

UK business minister Lord Callanan said: "Hydrogen is likely to be fundamental to cutting emissions across some of our largest forms of commercial transport."

new cell system essentially addresses the first of those challenges.

"This brings the future forward," he said. "This product delivers the economics that are needed for adoption today."

Mr Nyland said that Loop Energy aims to provide the fuel cell system to start-up truck makers and as part of hydrogen powertrains provided to big truck makers by major suppliers.

The company's biggest shareholder is US engine-maker Cummins, which holds a more than 20 per cent stake in Loop Energy.

In a bid to expand its presence in Europe, the firm announced the launch of a UK facility last month in Grays, Essex, next to a growing group of manufacturers helping decarbonise road transport, including one of its current customers, Tevva Motors, the hydrogen and electric



Loop Energy's Ben Nyland highlighted the fuel cell system's economics

truck original equipment manufacturer which is based in Tilbury.

Recruitment at the Essex plant is under way, with employees assisting in the areas of production support, customer support and inventory.

The company said the move is in reaction to growing customer demand for Loop Energy's fuel cells in continental Europe and the UK, where diesel and petrol vehicles will start to be banned from 2030.

## SHIPPING

# Suez Canal pins rise in transit fees on inflation

By Sadie Whitelocks

Egypt has said that it will increase transit fees for vessels passing through the Suez Canal, one of the world's most crucial waterways.

The Suez Canal Authority will add 15 per cent to the fees for tankers carrying oil and petroleum products, and 10 per cent for dry bulk carriers and cruise ships.

The authority's chief, Osama Rabie, said the hikes, which will take effect on 1 January, are "inevitable and a necessity".

He blamed booming global inflation rates, which have increased the cost of the waterway's operations, maintenance, and maritime services.

About 10 per cent of global trade, including 7 per cent of the world's oil, flows through the Suez Canal, and is a major source of foreign currency to Egypt, which has a population of more than 103 million people.

The country has faced towering economic challenges and is running low on foreign currency needed to buy essentials such as grain and fuel.

Authorities said 20,649 vessels passed through the canal last year, a 10 per cent increase on the 18,830 vessels in 2020.

Annual revenues reached \$6.3bn last year, the highest in its history.

Canal authorities have been working to widen and deepen the waterway's southern part after a container ship ran aground and forced a six-day closure of the canal in March 2021 – disrupting global shipping.

Last month, an oil tanker ran aground and briefly blocked the waterway before it was refloated.



## The 30 Second Briefing

OKTOBERFEST

### What is it?

Oktoberfest is the world's biggest beer festival, held in Munich. It was first celebrated in 1810 when Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese and invited Munich's citizens to join the party on the Theresienwiese ("Therese's meadow"), the fields in front of the

then city gates. This year's 187th edition started on Saturday and runs to 3 October. Many attendees wear traditional Bavarian clothing, consisting of leather shorts, or lederhosen for men and a bodiced dirndl dress for women.

### How did Covid-19 affect the event?

The city's mayor, Dieter Reiter, inserted the tap in the first keg at noon on Saturday with three taps of a hammer, officially opening the festivities after a two-year break forced by the coronavirus pandemic. Worries were put aside this year and the city announced in April that Oktoberfest would go ahead, and on opening the event Mr Reiter said "it was a good decision".

### How much income does it generate?

The last time the festival was held, in 2019, the 6.3 million guests drank more than 7.3 million litres of German beer. Oktoberfest generates about €1.2bn (£1.5bn) in revenue.

### Has inflation had any impact on beer prices?

This year's revellers will need significantly deeper pockets than they did at the last Oktoberfest, with brewers and visitors all facing pressure from inflation. A one-litre (two-pint) mug of beer costs between €12.60 and €13.80 this year, which is an increase of about 15 per cent compared to 2019, according to the festival's official website.

# Media on Monday

IAN BURRELL

## Exceptional moment in history set to break all television records

The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II is expected to break all viewing records, attracting a bigger audience nationally than the 1966 World Cup final and more viewers globally than the 3.6 billion who saw Muhammad Ali hold aloft the flame at the 1996 Olympics.

This impact will be achieved by the pooled efforts of Britain's three primary news broadcasters – the BBC, ITN and Sky – who will provide pictures to the world. It is what Buckingham Palace wants. An institution that often puts emphasis on distance, today wishes that this sorrowful but momentous occasion in British history receives the widest possible attention.

"The Royal Household want this to get to as many people as possible, they want it to get far and wide around the world," says Sarah Whitehead, deputy head of newsgathering at Sky News, of negotiations with the Palace. "The desire for international reach is both ours and theirs."

Star American anchors such as Savannah Guthrie of NBC News and Gayle King of CBS have been deployed to London, joining an influx of international media. But British broadcasters will do the heavy lifting in terms of filming. Some senior TV executives have been preparing coverage of this funeral for almost 40 years.

"We've been rehearsing this moment for decades, since the mid-80s, such is the weight of responsibility to respond appropriately to something of such national importance," says Chris Shaw, editorial director of ITN.

Today will be unique in British media in that advertising, the lifeblood for much of the industry, will be cast aside out of respect for the Queen. ITV, Channel 4, Sky News and Channel 5 have dropped ads from their schedule for the day, as have radio groups Global and Bauer. Many newspapers, including *i*, are dropping ads or running only tribute ads to the Queen.

When King George VI died in 1952, many homes were without television and the BBC was Britain's only channel. Once more it will lead as "host broadcaster", providing pictures that will be shared with outlets in 200 countries.

Huw Edwards will host the coverage and BBC veteran reporter Allan Little will have the honour of being inside Westminster Abbey for BBC Radio, as will Chris Ship of ITV News. The BBC's Eleanor Oldroyd will be inside Windsor



Members of the world's media have converged at Buckingham Palace to cover the Queen's funeral. Inset, NBC anchor Savannah Guthrie TOBY MELVILLE/REUTERS

Castle's St George's Chapel, the Queen's final resting place. The BBC will deploy 213 cameras, plus remote cameras inside the Abbey and St George's, and use 14 outside broadcast trucks at 10 locations.

The transformation of media technology since the last funeral of a British monarch means a vast archive of content will be bequeathed to future generations. The thousands lining the route of the Queen's coffin have been able to record their own content on their phones.

Lightweight cameras allow journalists to move among crowds. Science writer Tom Whipple joined queues for Westminster Hall to report the mood for Times Radio.

A BBC live stream covered in entirety the four days of lying-in-

state, generating seven million views inside 48 hours. The Palace's more open attitude to media enabled us to witness hitherto private ceremonies, notably the remarkable Accession Council Ceremony. At times, such as with the drama of the King's leaky pen at Hillsborough Castle, the ubiquity of cameras resembled a wildlife production.

Sky News has used 40 camera crews a day since news of the Queen's death, calling on support from Sky Sports colleagues. Today it will field 275

cameras. It has a studio on the guard house roof at Windsor and its helicopter, which provides pooled content to other outlets, will follow the coffin from London to the castle. The helicopter used



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internet technology to transmit live pictures from the cortège's 175-mile journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh, an unthinkable feat a decade ago.

ITV News's coverage, hosted by Tom Brady and Julie Etchingham, will benefit from temporary studios at Westminster and Windsor. America's ABC News has set up on the roof of Methodist Central Hall, opposite the Abbey.

The blanket coverage since 9 September has created journalistic dilemmas. Heavy-handed policing of anti-monarchist protesters created a freedom of speech issue. Television news had to represent dissent without giving

disproportionate amplification. Some outlets sought diverse opinion, notably Channel 4 News, which sent Ayshah Tull to garner reaction in Jamaica.

Meanwhile there was serious under-reporting in Britain of Ukraine's stunning counter-offensive in the Kharkiv Oblast, a critical development in a story with greater geopolitical consequences. Shortly before the funeral, as evidence emerged of Russian atrocities in Izium, *The Guardian* and *The Independent* were among outlets that briefly restored Ukraine to the top of their websites.

Today there is only one lead story. "This is an exceptional moment in history," says Whitehead, a news veteran. "It's the biggest thing by far that we have had to deal with."

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Sutcliffe dreaming of perfect send off with his hometown

By Ross Heppenstall

An emotional Liam Sutcliffe is dreaming of emulating Leeds Rhinos legends Danny McGuire and Rob Burrow with a last hurrah in Saturday's Grand Final.

Eight-time Super League winners Leeds, versus defending champions St Helens – who are bidding for an unprecedented fourth successive title – at Old Trafford is a fixture to increase the heartbeat.

That Sutcliffe was born and raised in Leeds, grew up supporting the Rhinos on Headingley's famous South Stand terrace and has spent his entire career there merely adds to his motivation.

At the end of the season, the 27-year-old centre will join rivals Hull FC on a three-year deal as

Leeds look to create salary cap space in Rohan Smith's squad.

"It will be emotional for a few boys and it would be absolutely crazy to finish with a Grand Final win," said Sutcliffe, whose team-mates Brad Dwyer, Tom Briscoe, Bodene Thompson and Muizz Mustapha are also leaving.

"I had a think about it on Saturday night but I just want to enjoy the week as much as possible. "Earlier this year, everyone was tipping us for relegation and now we are 80 minutes away from winning it.

"If we win, I don't know whether I'd be crying with sadness or happiness. My mum will be even more emotional than me."

Previous head coach Richard Agar quit six games into the season because he felt his methods were no longer working.

Smith, a laconic Australian, arrived in May and has engineered a stunning revival which has harvested 13 wins in 18 games.

"There was probably a fair bit of anxiety at the start of the year and we were in a bad place," admitted Sutcliffe. "If you had said then we would be in a Grand Final then nobody would have believed you."

"Rohan has just calmed the place down and everyone has bought into what he has implemented."

Club legends McGuire and Burrow famously bowed out as champions after helping Leeds to victory over Castleford in the 2017 Grand Final.

Sutcliffe played in that game and said: "Hopefully we can end in the same way that Danny and Rob did – that would be a dream come true."



Leeds Rhinos celebrate beating York City Knights 12-4 in the Women's Super League Grand Final at St Helens' Totally Wicked Stadium

## BOXING



## Canelo triumph closes chapter on a five-year trilogy

Golovkin, 40, vows to fight on after loss – and Chris Eubank Jr could be next

**Oliver Young-Myles**



Gennady Golovkin insisted he has no plans to hang up his gloves as his trilogy of fights with Saul "Canelo" Alvarez ended in a conclusive defeat in Las Vegas.

The judges unanimously awarded Alvarez the victory on points scoring it 116-112, 115-113, 115-113 in his favour to ensure the Mexican retained his

## Puzzle solutions

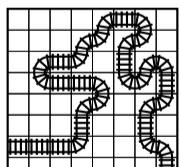
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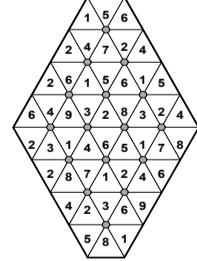
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## Number Hexagon



## Zygolex

LEFT TO RIGHT:  
sort; span; king; con;  
kind; can; bind; tie;  
tin; bend; sin; curve;  
sir; trend; vice

## Saturday's Codeword 3365

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B F T I V E S D N R W Y X

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## idoku

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## Kakuro

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## Wijuko

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## Sudoku

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Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez connects with a right during his victory AFP/GETTY

**C** I still have fire burning within me. I have the passion for boxing. Don't forget I have three belts at 160lb

only a second professional defeat on the 40-year-old Golovkin.

Despite speculation that a second loss to Alvarez could result in him walking away from the sport, Golovkin vowed to carry on, telling his legion of fans that he is "still a champion".

"Absolutely," the Kazakh said when asked whether he would continue. "I still have this fire burning within me. I have the passion for boxing. Don't forget I have three belts at 160lb. I feel great."

"I did not allow any serious shots. I'm tired, I'm fresh. I feel the strength and power within me. Of course, if opportunity presents I will be looking to return in the ring."

He added: "Congrats to Canelo, congrats to all boxing fans. Remember guys, I have three belts at 160. I can come back guys. I'm still a champion."

Golovkin will have no shortage of willing opponents should he continue with Chris Eubank Junior quick to offer him a middleweight bout.

He tweeted: "GGG you had a great run. Come back down to middleweight and let's fight for those belts you still have in December or just pass em over and I'll look after them for the next couple years while you enjoy retirement... you earned it champ."

For Alvarez, the focus now switches to avenging his surprise defeat to Russian Dmitry Bivol last November, after he undergoes surgery on an injured left hand.

"It's very important for me, for my legacy, for my country, for everybody," Alvarez admitted about the prospect of fighting Bivol again.

"I've gone through some very difficult things in my life, I've actually shown that defeats are great because they enable you to come back and show humility."

"I'm going to keep going to keep my legacy going."

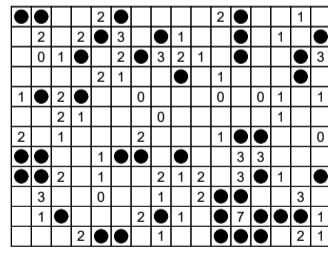
undisputed super-middleweight crown. It surely brought to an end the Golovkin v Alvarez feud which has simmered over the past few years, dating back to their explosive first two fights in 2017, which ended in a draw and 2018, won by Alvarez on a majority decision.

Alvarez, 32, dominated the opening rounds with his speed causing his rival plenty of issues and then managed to withstand a spirited fightback from Golovkin in the latter stages of the fight to earn a relatively routine win. In doing so, he inflicted

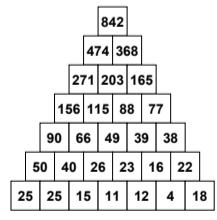
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### Minesweeper



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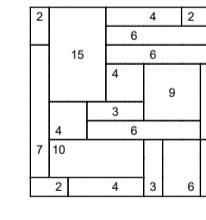
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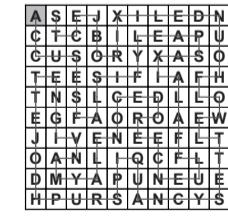
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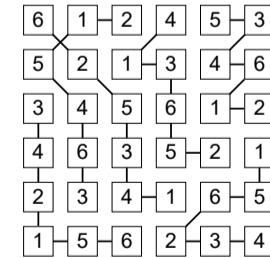
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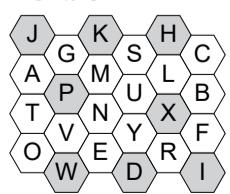
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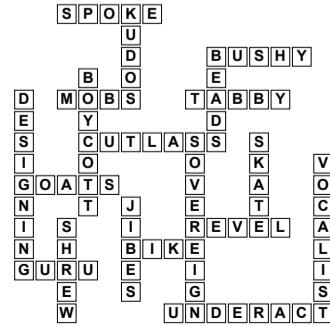
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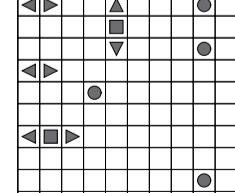
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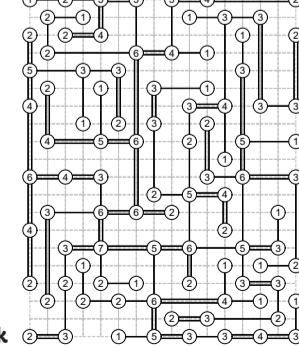
### Knight's Tour

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### Battleships



### Bridges



### Five-Clue Cryptic Crossword

Across: 3/5 Rest in peace, 6 L-1-king  
Down: 1 We-EP-I-L-y, 2 Ant-ennA, 4 t-h-a-n-k

### FAIRYHOUSE GOOD

#### 4.50 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FILLIES HANDICAP €16,807 added 7f

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4	7-0103	ONE SMALL STEP (D)	Kevin Coleman	5 9 12		
					W M Lordan	11
5	2-1428	PERFECT THUNDER (D)	J P O'Brien	3 9 10	S M Crosse	5
6	93-096	CAMDEBOO (D)	J P O'Brien	4 9 8	D McDonagh	6
7	316423	BELLS ON HER TOES (D)	A Slattery	3 9 6	A J Slattery	V 10
8	2-1249	CORPORAL VIOLETTE (D)(BF)	G Lyons	3 9 6	C T Keane	4
9	367385	AFFABLE (D)	K J Condon	5 9 3	J M Sheridan	(3) T 1
10	211730	PRINCESS RAJ (D)	J Harrington	3 9 3	A Glynn	(7) T 9
11	0-7780	CLAONADH	W McCreery	4 9	W J Lee	V 7

- 11 declared -

BETTING: 3-1 Shanghai Dragon, 9-2 One Small Step, 6-1 Perfect Thunder, Bells on Her Toes, 8-1 Corporal Violette, Affable, 10-1 Princess Raj, Camdeboo, 12-1 others.

#### 5.50 BALLYHANE BLENNHEIM STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) 2YO €33,613 added 6f

1	231	BEAUTY CRESCENT (D)	G M Lyons	9 5	C T Keane	B 2
2	716	DAAMBERDIPLOMAT (D)	J P Murtagh	9 5	B M Coen	1
3	364142	MATCH PLAY (BF)	K Ryan (UK)	9 5	D Tudhope	8
4	312306	BADB (D)	Donnacha O'Brien	9 0	G M Ryan	7
5	103	CORALILLO (C)	E & P Hart	9 0	C D Hayes	T 5
6	15					

## RUGBY UNION

## Rest period called into question again after Genge's appearance

By Hugh Godwin

### 10-week conundrum

Saracens' London derby win over Harlequins at the Stoop on Saturday ended with continued head-scratching about the workings and intention of the agreement over rest periods for England players.

Everyone speaks of a guideline of 10 weeks' rest for the elite squad players between the end of one season – the third Test in Australia in mid-July – and the beginning of the next one, which would be next week.

But Ellis Genge, surely one of the strongest candidates for a break after he made 31 appearances including 29 starts last season, had just eight weeks off before his spectacular two-try performance for Bristol on the Premiership's opening weekend, nine days ago], and Owen Farrell was among several other third-Test participants who ran out for Sarries at Quins, who conversely were not permitted to field their fly-half Marcus Smith.

Senior figures in the Rugby Players' Association are privately aghast at the implications for player welfare, but Saracens boss Mark McCall spoke in favour of a system that treats each case on its merits, looking at workload, minutes played, injuries and so on.

The whole thing would be more easily understood if we could be given greater information on the conversations – the England coach, Eddie Jones, who was at the Stoop, is just one of the participants – but one problem is it would take us into confidential or sensitive subjects like injuries and plans for players later in the season.

Tommy Allan played well at fly-half for Quins, but as for the

missing Smith, the head coach Tabai Matson would only say the club had put a plan forward for him to play and it got the "thumbs down" from the ruling game management group. It leaves spectators lacking knowledge of or belief in the 10-week rest period trumpeted in 2018.

### Safety in numbers

Coaches often say they work in training on how to cope with going down to 14 or even 13 players during a match, but London Irish took the theory an unintentional step further with three men sent to the sin bin in separate incidents in the last five minutes of the first half as they lost at Northampton, one of them being England youngster Henry Arundell for deliberately knocking the ball out of play.

Weirdly, perhaps, Irish "won" 3-0 during the period of them playing with 12, 13 and 14 men, only for Saints to score a try when the visitors were back up to 15.

### Malins master of them all

South Africa took the destiny of the Rugby Championship title into its final week by beating Argentina on Saturday night, with a bonus-point try by hooker Malcolm Marx, while the Premiership's most prolific No 2, George McGuigan, was at it again with his third try of the season in the loss at Leicester.

No one, however, can match Saracens' Max Malins, who crossed twice at Quins to take his Premiership running total to 27 in 24 matches. And to think the national hierarchy reckon Malins lacks a yard of pace.

England flanker Sam Underhill missed Bath's second defeat of the season, at home to early leaders Sale, and is out for around 12 weeks after a shoulder operation.



Tommy Allan shone at fly-half for Harlequins in place of Marcus Smith PA



## High emotions as Worcester future hangs in balance

**WORCESTER WARRIORS**  
Tries Hearle, Simpson, Lawrence; Cons Williams (2); Searle

21

**EXETER CHIEFS**  
Tries Simmonds, Capstick (2); Woodburn, Maunde; Cons Simmonds (4); Pens Simmonds

36

**Hugh Godwin**

RUGBY UNION CORRESPONDENT AT SIXWAYS



How much more can Worcester Warriors take? The mood at Sixways throughout this second loss of the season, planting them unsurprisingly bottom of the Premiership table, was of immense pride in getting the fixture played, but also a defiance of not wanting to go through it all again when Newcastle visit next Saturday. "We're on the never-never at the minute; we can't keep going," Steve Diamond, the Worcester director of rugby, said. "They've brought in some cash today, I'm hoping that hasn't gone into the black hole. The players, to keep putting their bodies on the line, I can't tell you how many times they'll do that."

Exeter scored five tries to Worcester's three, but the suffocating talk of financial turmoil made the rugby feel like a mirage of a focal point. Dia-

mond has been here six months and as someone steeped in professional sport his patience is clearly wearing ever thinner – he said the latest statement from the co-owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham had been given to the TV broadcaster BT Sport before him – but on this day your heart went out to the fans who rattled buckets at the gates to support the non-playing staff and volunteers who lined up in a guard of honour as the players ran out.

Bob Low, chairman of the Worcester Warriors supporters' association, has been coming to Sixways for 17 years. A permanent staff officer in the Royal Signals attached to 214 (Worcestershire) Battery of the Royal Artillery, Low has been involved in gun salutes to the late Queen this past week.

After this match he was moved to tears, paying tribute to those who got it staged. "I don't know if it was the last time we will be here like this," Low told *i*. "If the supporters have to paint the lines and put the post protectors up for next week, we'll do it. But the atmosphere was subdued, until the standing ovation in the 65th minute for the staff who have been paid 65 per cent wages, or not at all.

What really jolted us is none of the owners or the three directors were here today. At Sandhurst we were told 'Serve to Lead'. Jason Whittingham last spoke to me at 11pm on Friday. All of the owners' statements have been very fluffy."

Some of the fans who might be forgiven a new sobriquet, the Worriers, wore cowboy hats in sarcastic honour of the co-owners, who in their latest missive expressed "hope" of announcing heads of terms for a

sale in the next 48 hours. This promise was first made on

8 September. And bad news was travelling fast among a crowd limited to 5,000. Players have had money due to their agents withheld from their wage packets.

Rubbish was overflowing round the ground, due to an unpaid contract, and was a threat to the match on health and safety grounds until Bromsgrove Council emptied the bins. Worcester need to register players for Wednesday's Premiership Cup trip to Gloucester but who will pay the £45-per-man fees? Stewards yesterday worked for nothing, but the sense is staff who haven't been paid will now withdraw their labour.

Jim O'Toole, a former Worcester

**65**

Percentage of wages Worcester Warriors' staff have received



## HOCKEY

# Government urged to improve basic skills in schools

England Hockey chief backs players over team sports, writes **Ben Saunders**

England Hockey chief executive Nick Pink has said sports governing bodies are having to teach basic skills to young players that they are not learning in school. He added that this was one of the driving factors that led to the England women's and men's teams writing a letter to Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak last month calling on government support to back provision of PE and team sports at schools.

With England, along with Wales, also bidding to host the men's World Cup in 2026, with the final to take place at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Pink also told **i** that the body would have considered putting in a bid to stage a combined men's and women's event if it thought that option was available.

Last month, England's two senior hockey teams, fresh from their gold and bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games wrote to then-Conservative leadership candidates Truss and Sunak urging them to increase backing for team sport in schools.

And Pink said a lack of strategy at a national level in school sport since the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition was elected in 2010 was the main reason the strategy changed. "The strategy went because there was a government change," Pink said. "My first job in sport was with the Youth Sport Trust 20 years ago and I've seen the value of good strategy, good PE/school sport programming and the impact that's had in primary and secondary schools. And we had a structure that was the envy of the world."

"What we've seen this last 10-12 years is a decreasing number of hours that schools have been able to offer, a decreasing level of priority around PE and school sport, and what it's meant for governing bodies like ours and others is that without a quality of provision in place for children and young people of all ages, it then makes it harder for our sports to be able to pick up those young people and provide them with a high-quality experience in our space. Because you're almost starting back down to the fundamental skill development that's required – even just the general movement and development skills that young people have."

As for the World Cup bid, England are in the running to host the

men's event, but a joint Belgium/Netherlands and South Africa have bid for both the men's and women's event at the same time.

"In the FIH bid process, they made it clear to us that it's one or the other, it's not both," Pink said.

In relation to the joint men's and women's bids, Pink added: "My first question to the FIH was: 'how?'. In the bid documents it's pretty clear. There's two boxes, there's men or women, there's not a third box. That's something I've taken up with the FIH separately."

"We still believe we've got a great bid so I'm pretty confident that whatever we go up against, we've got a great proposition for the FIH to consider."

Would England Hockey have bid for both? "It's a different scale of event, when you're putting both together," Pink said. "I haven't got a crystal ball to answer the question. We would have given it a really good consideration, there's no doubt about it."

"There's a real sense of commitment around women's sport at the moment. It's a really positive agenda, and we're right behind it. It's about time, arguably across the board, to see the profile the women's cricketers are getting currently in the Hundred, for example, to see obviously what happened in women's football, and names that become household names and personalities."

And Pink said the sport's inclusivity between men and women is one of the main reasons people should get involved in it.

"When you walk into most schools or clubs that are taking part in hockey, you see boys and girls or men and women and you get that breadth and you see all that change and it's not abnormal, it's not forced," he said.

And Pink is confident that both England teams are on the right track – the women won their first ever Commonwealth gold in Birmingham while the men claimed bronze – and that is a good reason to watch the new domestic season, which starts on 24 September.

"We've got a nice blend of real experience and a number of new faces coming through and doing really well," Pink (above) said of the women's team. England Hockey and Hockey Wales are bidding to host the 2026 Men's World Cup. To find out more and lend your support, search 'Back the Bid'.



Main Picture: Richard Capstick scores his second and Exeter's third try; above: Worcester players show their appreciation to the Sixways crowd PA

director, says he has a consortium ready if the club goes into administration, in the belief that could land a deduction of 35 Premiership points in a season with no relegation. Robin Walker, MP for Worcester, has an adjournment debate on the club in the Commons on Thursday. It is understood Walker has been sent a creditor's accusation of parcels of land here being separated from the rugby business, reducing the whole's value.

The staff formed a guard of honour as the players ran out: a man in a chef's apron here, a woman with a babe in arms there, and Low and a fellow supporter carrying the "#together" banner. Exeter, who are now second in the Premiership, led 22-7

at half-time, when the public address played Imagine Dragons' *We Are The Warriors That Built This Town*. Certainly the club bankrolled by boiler magnate Cecil Duckworth to crack the top division in 2004 has put the city on the national sporting map, but their viability is questionable.

Whatever, it felt tempting to link arms with Joe Batley when he gave a second-half scoring pass inside to Gareth Simpson and flailed his hands in a wild gesture of mutual appreciation with the supporters. Diamond promised the players "a bollocking" tomorrow, for some errors they had made, but that was about as close as anyone was getting to business as usual.

**What we have seen this last 10-12 years is a decreasing level of priority around PE and school sport**



## Results Service

## CRICKET

**FIRST WOMEN'S ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL**  
England v India, Hove: England Women 227-7 (50 overs; A N Davidson-Richards 50no). **India Women** 232-3 (44.2 overs; S Mandhana 91, H Kaur 74no, Y H Bhatia 50). **India beat England by 7 wickets.**

## ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP - FINAL

Kent v Lancashire, Trent Bridge: Kent 306-6 (50 overs; J D M Evison 97, J L Denly 78). **Lancashire** 285 (48.4 overs; S J Croft 72, K K Jennings 72). **Kent beat Lancashire by 21 runs.**

## GOLF

**DP WORLD TOUR DS AUTOMOBILES ITALIAN OPEN**, MARCO SIMONE GC, ROME, Final Round (Gbr & Irl unless stated, Par 71). **270** R MacIntyre 70 69 67 64 (won at first play-off hole); M Fitzpatrick 65 69 66 67. **271** V Perez (Fr) 70 66 69 66. **272** R McIlroy (GB) 67 66 71 68. **273** A Ra 69 70 65 69; L Herbert (Aus) 70 67 68 68. **274** K Kitayama (US) 71 67 69. **275** T Hatton 72 65 70 68.

**LACOSTE LADIES OPEN DE FRANCE, DEAUVILLE, Final Round** (Gbr & Irl unless stated): **199** I Laklaech (Mor) 65 66 68 (won on extra play-off hole); M McLaren 65 67 67. **202** D Dagar (India) 72 66 64; **203** A Meysonnier (Fr) 67 70 66. **204** C Hedwall (Swe) 68 69 67. **205** C Wolf (Aut) 71 68 69; C Boutier (Fr) 67 67 71.

## HORSE RACING RESULTS

**Hamilton - Good to soft**  
**1.30.1. INSTALLATION** (Oisin Orr) 15-8: **1. QUEENIE** ROONEY (C Rodriguez) 10-3: **3. Concert Boy** 12-1. **6 ran.** 13-8 fav Colnago (4th) dht, 3L (R Fahey, K Dalgleish) 2.00. **1. IRIS DANCER** (R Scott) 17-2: **2. Kentucky Rose** 7-1; **3. Miss Bella Brand** 5-1 11 ran. 9-2 jt-fav Roshambo (5th), 9-2 jt-fav Fox Hill (10th), 31/1, 21/1 (T Davidson). **3.00.1. THE GAY BLADE** (A Mullen) 12-1; **2. Caleb Sunrise** 11-2; **3. Bonito Cavallo** 20-1. **10 ran.** 10-3 fav Matty Too (9th), 11/1, ns (Jardine). **3.30.1. RED ALLURE** (P Matthes) 17-2; **2. Burton Lodge** **Beauty** 6-1; **3. Birdie Bowers** 8-1 13 ran. 9-2 fav Shesadabber (6th), hd, 31/1 (R Menzies). **4.00.1.** **LOCHNAVER** (P Mulrennan) 18-5; **2. Simple Star** 5-1; **3. Starlite** 12-1 9 ran. 11-4 fav Clan Jock (7th), shd, 41/1, 11/1 (J Goldie). **4.30.1. ALA FRANCAISE** (P Mulrennan) 5-4 fav; **2. Lechro** 33-1; **3. Super Stars** 4-1 11 ran, 11/1, 11/1 (J Goldie). **Jackpot:** Not won, pool of £3,295.24 carried over. **Placepot:** £348.30. **Quadpot:** £77.30. **Place 6:** £205.38. **Place 5:** £118.90.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

**BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL**  
**St Helens** (13) ..... **19** **Salford** (6) ..... **12**  
**St Helens: Tries:** Batchelor (2), Bennison. **Goals:** Makinson (3). **Drop Goals:** Lomax. **Salford: Tries:** Watkins, Brierley. **Goals:** Sneyd (2).

## RUGBY UNION

**THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Argentina** (6) ..... **20** **South Africa** (22) ..... **36**  
**GALLAGHER PREMIERSHIP**  
**Bath** (6) ..... **20** **Sale** (17) ..... **37**  
**Bath: Tries:** Cokanasiga, de Glanville. **Conversions:** Francis (2). **Penalties:** Francis (2).  
**Sale: Tries:** O'Flaherty, van der Merwe, T. Curry. **Conversions:** R. Ross. **Penalties:** R. Du Preez (4).  
**Harlequins** (24) ..... **27** **Saracens** (12) ..... **30**  
**Harlequins: Tries:** Murley (2), Marchant. **Conversions:** Allan (3). **Penalties:** Allan (2).  
**Saracens: Tries:** Daly, Malins (2), Tompkins. **Conversions:** Farrell (2). **Penalties:** Farrell, Daly.  
**Leicester** (26) ..... **36** **Newcastle** (14) ..... **21**  
**Leicester: Tries:** Cronin, Nadolo (2), Ashton, Cracknell. **Conversions:** Gopperth (4). **Penalties:** Gopperth.  
**Newcastle: Tries:** Barton, McGuigan, Carreras. **Conversions:** B. Connon (3).  
**Northampton** (10) ..... **38** **London Irish** (0) ..... **22**  
**Northampton: Tries:** Augustus, O. Sleatholme, Mitchell, Furbank. **Conversions:** J. Grayson (2). Furbank. **Penalties:** J. Grayson (2), Furbank (2).  
**London Irish: Tries:** Joseph, Penalty, Hassell-Collins. **Conversions:** Englefield. **Penalties:** Jackson. **Wasps** (5) ..... **8** **Bristol** (10) ..... **23**  
**Wasps: Tries:** Cruse. **Penalties:** Atkinson. **Bristol: Tries:** Sheedy, Bradbury. **Conversions:** Sheedy (2). **Penalties:** Sheedy (2). **Drop Goals:** Sheedy.  
**Worcester** (7) ..... **21** **Exeter** (22) ..... **36**  
**Worcester: Tries:** Hearte, Simpson, Lawrence. **Conversions:** Williams (2), Searle. **Exeter: Tries:** J. Simmonds, Capstick (2), Woodburn, J. Mauder. **Conversions:** J. Simmonds (4). **Penalties:** J. Simmonds.

P	W	D	L	F	A	B Pts	
Sale	2	2	0	0	66	42	<b>2 10</b>
Exeter	2	2	0	0	60	41	<b>1 9</b>
Bristol	2	2	0	0	54	37	<b>1 9</b>
Leicester	2	1	0	1	56	45	<b>2 6</b>
Northampton	2	1	0	1	60	51	<b>2 6</b>
Harlequins	2	1	0	1	67	63	<b>2 6</b>
London Irish	2	1	0	1	67	52	<b>1 5</b>
Gloucester	1	1	0	0	27	21	<b>1 5</b>
Saracens	1	1	0	0	30	27	<b>1 5</b>
Bath	2	0	0	2	49	68	<b>1 1</b>
Wasps	2	0	0	2	29	50	<b>1 1</b>
Newcastle	2	0	0	2	52	76	<b>1 1</b>
Worcester	2	0	0	2	35	81	<b>0 0</b>

**UNITED RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP:** Edinburgh 44 Dragons 6; Lions 15 Blue Bulls 31; Scarlets 23 Ospreys 23; Ulster 36 Connacht 10; Zebre 29 Leinster 33; Cardiff Rugby 20 Munster 13.

## TENNIS

**DAVIS CUP FINALS – Gp A:** Croatia bt Serbia 3-0. **Gp B:** Serbia bt Canada 2-1. **Gp C:** France bt Belgium 2-1, Germany bt Australia 2-1. **Gp D:** Netherlands bt USA 2-1, GB bt Kazakhstan 2-1.

**Sporton TV**

**Baseball: Guardians v Twins**  
BT Sport 1, 6pm

**Baseball: Angels v Mariners**  
BT Sport 2, 9pm

**Baseball: Brewers v Mets**  
BT Sport 3, 12.30am (Tues)

**NFL: Bills v Titans**  
Sky Sports Main Event, midnight



## Sport in brief

## MOTOGP

## Bastianini grabs dramatic victory



Enea Bastianini overtook Francesco Bagnaia on the last lap for a dramatic Aragon Grand Prix victory yesterday as world championship leader Fabio Quartararo crashed out in the first lap, blowing the title race wide open.

Gresini Racing's Bastianini (above) denied Bagnaia a fifth straight win after a photo finish in Alcariz, fighting off the Ducati rider to win by 0.042 seconds.

"It's almost like a dream," Bastianini, who started third on the grid, said after his fourth victory of the season.



## GOLF

## MacIntyre wins Italian Open

Scotland's Robert MacIntyre defeated US Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick in a play-off to win his second DP World Tour title in the Italian Open.

MacIntyre (above) birdied the first extra hole at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club after he and Fitzpatrick had finished tied on 14 under par, a shot ahead of France's Victor Perez.

Pre-tournament favourite Rory McIlroy, who was within a shot of the lead until hitting his tee shot on the 16th into the water, finished fourth on 12 under.

"This means everything," MacIntyre said. "There's so much hard work gone into this."

## EQUESTRIANISM

## Ingham crowned world champion

Great Britain's Yasmin Ingham has been crowned world individual eventing champion after a stunning performance in Pratoni, Italy.

The Cheshire-based rider was making her major championship debut, but she kept remarkable composure in a high-octane showjumping finale to take gold.

Ingham, 25, finished on a score of 23.2 penalties, with Germany's reigning Olympic champion Julia Krajewski second and New Zealander Tim Price in third place.

"It is a dream come true," said Ingham, who was born on the Isle of Man.

## TENNIS DAVIS CUP

# 'Maybe the last time' - emotional Murray cheered on to victory by Glasgow crowd

By Eleanor Crooks

Andy Murray relished playing in front of the Glasgow Davis Cup crowd for what he admitted might be the final time.

A dead rubber against lowly-ranked Kazakh Dmitry Popko following Great Britain's disappointing elimination was far from the 35-year-old's most important match in the competition but a near full house at the Emirates Arena cheered him on anyway to a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

Murray has won 32 of his 35 singles matches in Davis Cup, most famously all eight he played in leading Britain to the title in 2015, with the matches against the United States and Australia, both in Glasgow, along with many others over the last decade and a half.

He said: "I found it difficult at the beginning. It's just hard to know how to play emotionally because you can't fake it. I wanted to win today but, if I lose, it doesn't really matter. That's what I enjoy about sports."

"But it was brilliant. They did an amazing job today. It was the fullest it had been all week. I'm glad I was able to play in front of them. Maybe that's the last time I play here or get to play for Britain in front of a crowd like that."

"If it is the last time, it's been amazing what they've done for our team. The crowd in a lot of our matches has



Andy Murray salutes the crowd after beating Dmitry Popko GETTY IMAGES

made a big difference. They've been some of the best memories I've had on a tennis court. I'm sad that we might not get the opportunity to play here again, but we also might be back here in February potentially."

Murray gave a lingering wave to the crowd at the end and admitted afterwards it only dawned on him late in the match that this might be the end of an era. "I only thought about it at about 5-2 today in the second set,"

he said. "I wasn't thinking about it before the weekend. I kind of realised that as I was playing the match."

"I felt that a little bit at the end. I lost my focus a bit and felt a little bit emotional about that."

**I realised that as I was playing. I felt that a little bit at the end. I lost my focus and felt a little bit emotional**

It seems unlikely captain Leon Smith will stick with Joe Salisbury and Murray as his first-choice doubles pair after two costly defeats, albeit close ones, against the USA and the Netherlands, who progress to the last-eight shootout in November at Britain's expense.

Twenty-year-old Jack Draper, who missed out this week through injury, will be pushing hard for a debut the next time Britain play Davis Cup, while Cameron Norrie and Dan Evans are both well ahead of Murray in the rankings.

Britain are due to host the group stage of the finals again next year, although probably not in Glasgow, but, barring another wildcard, would need to win a play-off early in 2023 to keep that role.

After chopping and changing the format since 2018, when Gerard Pique's Kosmos group took over the running of the competition following a huge investment, they seem to have settled on a group stage played across four cities in September followed by an eight-team finals week in November.

Poor crowds for ties not involving home teams remain an issue, while the matches in Hamburg have generally not been well supported, but organisers declared themselves happy with the current set-up and announced more than 100,000 people have attended across the four venues.

## CRICKET

# Mandhana and Kaur steer India to comfortable victory

ENGLAND WOMEN  
Davidson-Richards 50no

222-7

INDIA WOMEN  
Mandhana 91, Kaur 74no.  
Bhatia 50  
India win by seven wickets

232-3

Smriti Mandhana's 91 off 99 balls marshalled India's successful pursuit of 228 as they drew first blood in their one-day international series against England at Hove.

After England lurched to 128 for 6 having been asked to bat first, Alice Davidson-Richards registered her first ODI half-century, finishing 50 not out from 61 deliveries to lift the hosts to 227 for 7.

Kate Cross made an early breakthrough in the reply but Mandhana expertly anchored India's chase in an

innings - her highest in ODIs against

England - containing 10 fours and

one straight six off Issy Wong.

While Mandhana fell nine short of a ton and with her side still needing 30, India captain Harmanpreet Kaur's 74 not out from 94 balls got them over the line with seven wickets and 5.4 overs to spare.

As India bounced back from a 2-1 Twenty20 series defeat to claim victory in this first ODI, England will rue reprieving Yastika Bhatia, who

made a quickfire 50 off 47 balls after being dropped on seven.

Mandhana put on 96 with Bhatia then 99 with Kaur after Cross struck with her third ball of India's reply, persuading Shafali Verma to flick to midwicket, where Charlie Dean took a fine diving catch.

England will look to bounce back in the second ODI at Canterbury on Wednesday.



Sophie Ecclestone reacts during England's comprehensive defeat

Moeen proud to captain England in Pakistan

By David Charlesworth

Moeen Ali expressed his pride at leading England in Pakistan but rejected the suggestion the tourists have brought a second-string squad for the seven Twenty20 internationals between the teams.

Jos Buttler has made the trip but England's white-ball captain is wary of rushing his return from a calf injury sustained in The Hundred, especially with the T20 World Cup in Australia just a month away.

While there is optimism he could feature later on in the series, he will miss tomorrow's opener in Karachi, so Moeen (right) takes on the captaincy for England's first fixture in Pakistan since late 2005. As an English cricketer of Pakistani descent, this tour has long been thought of as having particular resonance for Moeen and he admitted it was a privilege to take on the role.

He said: "One hundred per cent. With my roots being from here and to lead England in such a big and historic series, it's huge. It's a very proud moment for me and my family, my mum and dad and everybody. Of



course my family are very happy and my friends and my community (too), and everybody who I feel like I represent they're very happy for me.

"Captaining England in any game anywhere in the world is a huge honour."

While Buttler is convalescing, Jonny Bairstow and Liam Livingstone miss the tour entirely after adding to England's luckless run with injuries, with a host of fast bowlers still sidelined - although Chris Woakes and Mark Wood are set to be eased back into action after missing the entire summer programme.

Jason Roy has been dropped after a poor run of form over the summer while England Test captain Ben Stokes takes a break after his exploits, which opens up opportunities for those on the fringes.

Tom Helm, Luke Wood, Will Jacks and Jordan Cox are uncapped at international level and Olly Stone has not played a T20 for England. With Harry Brook, Liam Dawson, Ben Duckett, Richard Gleeson and Phil Salt yet to reach double digits in T20 international appearances, there is a fresher feel to England's squad.

But Moeen indicated England are in transition and that some of the more unestablished figures have valuable experience in T20 franchise leagues on the subcontinent.

## FOOTBALL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP



Celtic fans chanted throughout the minute's applause yesterday before the Hoops went down to their first league defeat in a year GETTY

## Minute's applause disrupted as Celtic slip to surprise defeat

ST MIRREN  
O'Hara 43, Ayunga 53

2

CELTIC

0

By Ronnie Esplin  
AT ST MIRREN PARK

Ange Postecoglou preferred not to comment when asked about Celtic supporters chanting throughout a minute's applause in memory of the Queen ahead of their Premiership game defeat by St Mirren in Paisley.

Some Hoops fans chanted "if you hate the Royal Family clap your hands" while a banner containing the same phrase could be seen in the away end.

Celtic boss Postecoglou (right) had previously expressed the club's wish that fans be "respectful" during any tributes.

After his side's 2-0 defeat, the Greek-born Australian said: "I addressed all that in two press confer-

ences, I'm not going to do it in three. I get why the interest is there, but I'm a manager at a football club, and I sit at press conferences wanting to talk about football."

There were also disruptions to tributes at some of Saturday's Premiership fixtures.

A minute's silence at Ibrox was disrupted by Dundee United supporters. Boos and derogatory chants could be heard coming from the corner of the stadium housing several hundred United supporters before Rangers played God Save the King.

In a brief statement, United later stated that they had "reached out to advise our supporters of the pre-match arrangements with the expectation that the minute silence would be observed".

There were similar reactions ahead of Hibernian's game with Aberdeen at Easter Road, where boos and chants were audible during a minute's applause.

As for yesterday's defeat Postecoglou was not for giving his side any



**We pride ourselves on having standards and we didn't reach those today, and football will always teach you**

leeway after they suffered their first Premiership loss in a year.

The Hoops boss had made six changes from the side which drew 1-1 with Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League on Wednesday night, but amid a disjointed performance in Paisley they went behind two minutes from the break to a header from Saints skipper Mark O'Hara.

Buddies striker Jonah Ayunga grabbed a second in the 53rd minute for St Mirren's first league win at home over Celtic since 2010 and it ended the Hoops' unbeaten league record which stretched back to a 1-0 defeat away to Livingston on 19 September 2021.

Postecoglou said: "We pride ourselves on having standards and we didn't reach those today, and football will always teach you that lesson."

St Mirren boss Stephen Robinson added: "You need things to go your way, a bit of luck and decisions to go your way. You need boys to be right on top of their game – and they were today."

## RANGERS 2-1 DUNDEE UNITED

## Van Bronckhorst praises birthday boy Colak

Giovanni van Bronckhorst was glad to see Antonio Colak continue to deliver for Rangers with a double in their win over Dundee United at Ibrox on Saturday.

The Croatia striker was replaced by Alfredo Morelos for the Champions League defeat to Napoli at Ibrox on Wednesday night but returned

Alan Forrest hit a double as Hearts won 3-0 at Motherwell. Lawrence Shankland scored in the 17th minute before Forrest's brace.

for the cinch Premiership match against the league's bottom side and again showed his worth as the Gers brought a three-game losing streak to an end.

Colak celebrated his 29th birthday by opening the scoring in the eighth minute with a drive from inside the box then grabbed a second just after the break with a close-range finish to take his tally for the season to nine, before Liam Smith pulled a goal back for the visitors to make it a fraught finish.

As Rangers head into the international break, Van Bronckhorst told

Rangers TV: "I am very pleased. He has been scoring a lot of goals for us. It was his birthday as well so it is always good to have players who can score."

"I am happy for Antonio but happy for us as a club that we won this game. The win was important because we don't have the full squad together for 10 days so it was good to end the first block of games with a win."

It was a first league start for 20-year-old midfielder Charlie McCann, with 18-year-old defender Leon King also featuring, and Van Bronckhorst said: "I think Charlie did well."

## Football results

PREMIER LEAGUE

Newcastle (o) 1 Bournemouth (o) 1  
Isak 67 (pen) Billing 62  
At 52:238

Tottenham (2) 6 Leicester (2) 2  
Kane 8  
Dier 21  
Bentancur 47  
Son 73, 84, 86

Wolves (o) 0 Man City (2) 3  
At 31:578 Grealish 1  
Haaland 16  
Maddison 41  
At 61:450

Yesterday

Brentford (o) 0 Arsenal (2) 3  
Saliba 17  
Gabriel Jesus 28  
Vieira 49

Everton (o) 1 West Ham (o) 0  
Maupay 53 At 39:298

P W D L F A Pts

Arsenal 7 6 0 1 7 18  
Man City 7 5 2 0 23 6

Tottenham 7 5 1 0 8 7

Brighton 6 4 1 1 11 5  
Man Utd 6 4 0 2 8 8

Fulham 7 3 2 2 12 11

Chelsea 6 3 1 2 8 9

Liverpool 6 2 3 1 15 6

Brentford 7 2 3 2 15 12

Newcastle 7 1 1 5 1 8

Leeds 6 2 2 2 10 10

Bournemouth 7 2 2 3 6 19

Everton 7 1 4 2 5 6

Southampton 7 2 1 4 7 11

Aston Villa 7 2 1 4 6 10

Crystal Palace 6 1 3 2 7 9

Wolverhampton 7 1 3 3 3 7

West Ham 7 1 3 5 3 9

Nottingham Forest 7 1 1 5 6 17

Leicester 7 0 1 6 10 22

P W D L F A Pts

Leicester 9 8 1 0 16 4

Barrow 9 7 0 2 15 9

Northampton 9 6 2 1 19 10

Stevenage 9 6 1 2 11 9

Bradford 9 5 2 2 14 7

Salford City 9 5 2 2 13 7

Mansfield 9 5 1 3 14 9

Grimsby 8 4 3 1 8 5

Crewe 9 4 3 2 11 9

Sutton Utd 9 4 2 3 11 9

Swindon 9 3 5 1 10 8

Doncaster 9 4 2 3 10 11

Carlisle 8 3 4 1 10 8

Tranmere 9 3 1 5 9 10

Walsall 9 2 3 4 10 9

Stockport Co 9 2 2 5 10 13

AFC Wimbledon 9 2 2 5 9 13

Harrogate Tn 9 2 2 5 6 11

Newport Co 9 2 1 6 9 13

Crawley Town 9 1 3 5 8 13

Colchester 9 1 3 5 7 13

Gillingham 9 1 3 5 2 11

Hartlepool 9 0 4 5 6 17

Rochdale 9 0 2 7 5 16

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Gillingham 9 1 3 5 2 11

Hartlepool 9 0 4 5 6 17

Rochdale 9 0 2 7 5 16

P W D L F A Pts

Leicester 9 8 1 0 16 4

Barrow 9 7 0 2 15 9



## WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

Neville and Spence blast Spurs to victory at Leicester

Stunning goals from Ashleigh Neville and Drew Spence gave Tottenham a well-deserved 2-1 victory at Leicester.

Neville opened the scoring in the 35th minute with a dipping, swerving effort from almost 40 yards, with Spence (below) doubling the lead with a low drive.



Spence's own goal just before the hour mark gave Leicester hope, but the home side rarely threatened to find an equaliser at the King Power Stadium.

The game burst into life thanks to Neville's unstoppable shot over a backpedalling Kirstie Levell. Spurs gained the reward for their dominance as debutant Spence rifled home a 25-yard drive. Spence then handed Leicester a way back on 58 minutes when she inadvertently turned Jemma Purfield's corner into her own net. But it was the visitors who came closest when Ellie Brazil volleyed straight at Levell.

## WEST HAM 1-0 EVERTON

## Evans's strike gets Hammers off to winning league start

Lisa Evans helped West Ham off to a winning start in this season's Women's Super League with the only goal of the game as they overcame Everton 1-0.

Chances were at a premium at the Chigwell Construction Stadium but Evans (left) headed home on the stroke of half-time after Everton had only half-cleared a corner.



Everton forward Katja Snoeijns had a couple of opportunities but was denied by Mackenzie Arnold as the Hammers held on to Paul Konchesky's first match.

The former England full-back made 12 signings over the summer and handed debuts to Kirsty Smith, Risa Shimizu, Jess Ziu, Honoka Hayashi and Viviane Asseyi.

For Everton, new manager Brian Sorensen started with a loss, stretching their winless run in the WSL to eight matches.

# Stengel's on the spot twice to leave Blues red-faced

LIVERPOOL  
Stengel pen 67, pen 87

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CHELSEA  
Kirby pen 3

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By Rachel Steinberg

AT PRENTON PARK

Katie Stengel joked she was just trying to avoid embarrassing herself in her Women's Super League debut – instead, she lifted newly-promoted Liverpool to victory over defending champions Chelsea.

Three penalties ultimately decided who walked away winners in front of a record 3,006 fans at Prenton Park, with Fran Kirby getting the dominant visitors on the scoresheet inside three minutes.

But the Reds capitalised whenever they could, Stengel equalising from the spot in the second half and then sending Zecira Musovic the wrong way on 87 minutes to seal Liverpool's triumphant top-flight return.

"I told myself don't miss, please don't miss, all of these people here will make fun of me if I miss," the American, 30, told Sky Sports. "I was like, I have to change it up, and I got lucky I guess."

The striker, though, insisted the final score was not the result of good fortune so much as sheer determination, and an invigorating half-time pep talk from head coach Matt Beard.



Katie Stengel is fouled before converting the winning penalty herself GETTY

"He just reiterated we have to believe in ourselves," she added. "We can win this game and it's just another team out there, another 11 players, and we prepared all pre-season so why not believe in ourselves?"

Chelsea head coach Emma Hayes was frustrated with what she felt was an effort unbefitting of a side chasing their fourth straight WSL title.

"Listen, [Liverpool] scored from a throw-in that [led to] a penalty, and the second was a transition that was another penalty," she said.

"It's not like in open play they've had multiple shots, they've just maximised the situations, and for us going forward I don't think we could hit a barn door today."

But the Blues boss was far from panicked by the result and predicts improvements.

"I say it all the time, what's to be worried about losing a football match?" she said. "I'm not emotional about it. I think we have to reflect, watch it back and next week's a new week."

## PREMIER LEAGUE

Brighton 'thrilled' to land De Zerbi as new head coach at Amex

By Derren Howard

Brighton and Hove Albion have appointed Roberto De Zerbi as the club's new head coach on a four-year contract.

The 43-year-old Italian agreed final personal terms late yesterday, having first met chairman Tony Bloom, chief executive Paul Barber and technical director David Weir in London earlier this week.

De Zerbi was said to be Albion's No 1 target to replace Graham Potter after he and his management team left for Chelsea last week.

The Italian flew into Sussex for the first time on Friday night and watched a behind-closed-doors friendly – believed to be against Chelsea – at the Amex Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Chairman Bloom said: "I am absolutely thrilled Roberto has agreed to become our new head coach. Roberto's teams play an exciting and courageous brand of football, and I am confident his style and tactical approach will suit our existing squad superbly."

De Zerbi established himself in coaching in the Italian lower leagues, with Darfo Boario and Foggia. Spells in Serie A with Palermo and Benfica followed, before he became coach of Sassuolo, where his attacking style and possession-based approach really caught the eye.

He led the small Emilian club to consecutive eighth-place finishes in Serie A, before accepting an offer to join Shakhtar Donetsk. His time in Ukraine was cut short by the Russian invasion, but not before he'd led the club to the Ukrainian Super Cup, and he left with them top of the first division.

Roberto will be Albion's first Italian head coach. Contracts with his coaching team have also been agreed, subject to work permits, with the intention the group will be in place for Albion's match at Anfield against Liverpool on Saturday week.

Technical director Weir said, "Roberto has shown his undoubtedly ability with his work in Italy and Ukraine, and what he achieved at Sassuolo certainly stands out."



Roberto De Zerbi has established himself in the European leagues

## Two-goal Daly dazzles as striker on Villa debut

ASTON VILLA  
Lehmann 22, Daly 32, 76, Dali 58

4

MANCHESTER CITY  
Coombs 45, 55, Shaw 53

3

Rachel Daly scored twice on her debut as Aston Villa made a stunning start to the new Women's Super League season.

Daly, employed as a full-back during the Lionesses' victorious European Championship campaign, was in clinical form up front as she inspired Villa to claim their first ever

top-flight points against the visitors.

City looked to have ridden the storm when they fought back from 2-0 down to lead 3-2 at the start of the second half, only for Villa to rally with Daly poking home the winner 14 minutes from time.

Gareth Taylor's side struggled in their first match since the world record departure of Keira Walsh to Barcelona, and Daly played her part in a 22nd-minute opener when she

**3**  
England Euro winner Rachel Daly contributed to three of Villa's four goals against City



Rachel Daly (right) celebrates her opener during Villa's thrilling win GETTY

dispossessed Laia Aleixandri and let in Alisha Lehmann to drive on and fire low past Ellie Roebuck.

Villa doubled their lead just past the half hour mark when Daly curled home a brilliant shot on the turn after the visitors failed to clear a corner.

City have been hit by a raft of exits with Walsh and Lucy Bronze (both Barcelona), Georgia Stanway (Bayern Munich) and Caroline Weir (Real Madrid) high-profile departures to Europe, while Ellen White, Jill Scott and Karen Bardsley all retired.

But they grabbed a lifeline on the stroke of half-time when Villa goalkeeper Hannah Hampton allowed a Laura Coombs shot to slip through her grasp.

And they looked like making Villa pay after grabbing two goals in 90 seconds at the start of the second half, Khadija Shaw heading the leveller before Coombs scored her second. But three minutes later Villa were level when Kenza Dali capitalised on a sloppy ball out from Steph Houghton and fired past Roebuck with the help of a heavy deflection off Alex Greenwood.

Roebuck was at fault for the winner when she spilled a Kirsty Hanson cross and let Daly claim the winner.

## NEWCASTLE UNITED 1-1 BOURNEMOUTH



Eddie Howe and Fabian Schär look increasingly frustrated GETTY

## Howe starting to feel weight of expectation

**Mark Douglas**

NORTHERN FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

At full-time, there were boos. Sporadic, admittedly, and they subsided rapidly upon colliding with the amount of credit banked by Eddie Howe and this Newcastle team over a remarkable calendar year. But still, evidence that the ride won't all be smooth for the ambitious new management at St James' Park.

There's no escaping it: a promising start for Newcastle has dissolved into a decidedly ordinary one. Their only defeat of the season might have been endured deep into added time at

Anfield but they've also only collected a solitary victory. That was way back in August, a whole two Prime Ministers ago.

Saturday brought a new challenge for Newcastle – breaking down obdurate opponents happy to sit back and absorb pressure. No one inside St James' Park was under any illusion that they failed to overcome it, with Howe bemoaning how Newcastle's "decision making and patience" let the team down.

"The last 20 minutes was a difficult watch," he admitted afterwards. He could have been referring to Fabian

**1**  
Number of league games Newcastle have won this season

desire. Why are Leicester's players not spotting runs from opposition players quickly enough and busting a gut to ensure that they either block off those runs or challenge players in the air?

2). Leicester are ludicrously easy to attack against on the occasions when that press is bypassed. Rodgers picked a midfield with four forward-thinking players and one player holding the fort. Youri Tielemans was the second most defensive of the five and he is Leicester's most regular tackler this season, but Tielemans wants to create attacking moves rather than stop them.

They were undone by two regulation runs, one to the front post and one the back. Wilfred Ndidi is a shell of his former self. As soon as the opposition has the ball in Leicester's half, they

are outnumbered and defenders are left with the choice to step out, engage and get passed around or sit back and leave huge spaces in front of them.

3). That openness in midfield could be masked – at least in some games against lower-quality opponents – if Rodgers (right) was embracing chaos theory. If Leicester were creating a high number of high-quality chances and conceding the same, you could be convinced that this was

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## WOLVES 0-3 MANCHESTER CITY

## Guardiola: huge price tag held Grealish back

By Nick Mashiter

Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola admits Jack Grealish has felt the pressure of his £100m transfer fee.

The midfielder scored his first goal of the season in Saturday's win at Wolves to answer growing criticism about his output.

It was just his fourth top-flight goal for City since joining for a record fee from Aston Villa last year and Guardiola conceded it has weighed on him.

He said: "Yeah, maybe. We have to admit it. He has to be who he is, that is all. Good moments, bad moments everyone has."

"The important thing is I am Jack Grealish, I play like I am. I go there with a good mentality and try to do the best for myself to help all of us". That is all I want for him and everyone."

Erling Haaland and Phil Foden also netted while Nathan Collins was sent off for Wolves for a reckless foul on Grealish.

Guardiola also gave Manuel Akanji his Premier League debut and was impressed with the summer signing from Dortmund.

He said: "He was more than

exceptional, win all the duels in the build-up, read perfectly when the play was short or long, he is so, so clever and when he goes, he goes, but he doesn't go too much to give away penalties or fouls.

"He is so aggressive to go close to the opponent but then has the tempo to control the situation. From day one we felt he gets it."

Defeat left Wolves having scored just three goals in seven Premier League games this season, winning just once.

Diego Costa is not match fit after signing on a free transfer last week and boss Bruno Lage admits their lack of goals is a concern.

"When you don't score goals it is a worry. That is why we have these three strikers but unfortunately no-one is available to play the game," he said.

"Man City can play very well without a striker for four or five years and win competitions, for us it is more important to have that man."

"Raul [Jimenez] didn't have the pre-season, then he needs to play three games in a row straight because we don't have a solution."



Jack Grealish (left) celebrates his goal against Wolves with Phil Foden GETTY

## TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 6-2 LEICESTER CITY

## Four reasons behind the Foxes' rapid decline and why Rodgers should step aside now

By Daniel Storey

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If this is to be the end of Brendan Rodgers' tenure at Leicester – and supporters are certainly demanding as much – it was a fitting final performance because it contained all the hallmarks of the club's decline:

1). The defending at set pieces has long been the running joke of the Premier League. Leicester's inability to protect themselves from high-quality chances, particularly from corners, is embarrassing.

They were undone by two regulation runs, one to the front post and one the back.

For all the organisation, success in these situations often comes down to

a semi-deliberate strategy. But that clearly isn't the case. Leicester rank 16th for shot-creating actions per 90 minutes played, 17th for shots per 90 minutes and 14th for expected goals, a measure of the quality of chances they are creating.

Leicester rank joint-eighth for goals scored because they have been pretty lucky. They have scored twice from low-percentage long-range shots.

They played for 60 minutes against 10 men at Stamford Bridge. They scored from a penalty against Tottenham after a wild challenge by Davinson Sanchez. The evidence suggests that Leicester will score fewer goals if they continue to play the same, not more. And they're conceding so many it doesn't really matter anyway.

4). Danny Ward is struggling.

Kasper Schmeichel's form last season merited Leicester replacing him with a new goalkeeper, but promoting their reserve has not worked.

He is conceding too many of the shots he faces for this to be bad luck.

It's not just that Leicester are bad; it's that we have known for so long why Leicester are bad and so have every team they face. Rodgers overperformed during the first half of his tenure, but they have dropped away so much and so quickly that there is no obvious case for keeping him in charge.

Leicester are bottom of the table, winless and have conceded more goals in their first seven matches than any other top-flight team since 1965. It would be better for everyone if this relationship ended now.

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**Murray's last dance? GB star hints at Davis Cup farewell**



Gabriel Jesus  
rises to head home  
Arsenal's second  
goal REUTERS

## Vieira shines on first league start as dominant Arsenal climb back to top

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ARSENAL  
Saliba 17. Jesus 28. Vieira 49

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By Oliver Young-Myles

Arsenal will spend the next fortnight at the top of the Premier League table after leapfrogging Manchester City and Tottenham with a 3-0 win against Brentford yesterday.

It all began with William Saliba who, after spending the past three years out on loan, has had the look of someone eager to make up for lost time in the Premier League. The Frenchman set Arsenal on their way to victory with an early header and was joined on the scoresheet by Gabriel Jesus and Fabio Vieira.

It was the Frenchman's second goal of the campaign and growing evidence of Arsenal's set-piece threat - they have now scored three times from set plays this season, the joint-most alongside north London rivals Tottenham. The clubs will contest the north London derby on 1 October in the first league fixture after the international break.

The Gunners doubled their advantage before the interval with another header, this time crafted from open

play and scored by a more regular finisher, Jesus rising to power Granit Xhaka's pinpoint cross into the top corner via a finger-tip touch from David Raya.

The Brazilian celebrated by copying Real Madrid star and Brazilian international colleague Vinicius Jr's trademark dancing celebration after a Spanish football pundit had criticised him using a racist slur.

Jesus was one of a number of footballers to offer their support to Vinicius after the incident, tweeting "Dance, Vini" on Friday.

If Arsenal's first goal was evidence of their growing threat from corners and the second the result of an excellently crafted team goal, the third scored by Fabio Vieira was all about individual quality.

The Portuguese playmaker, making his first Premier League start, received a square pass from Bukayo Saka and lashed an unstoppable drive from distance into the bottom corner to all but settle the contest within five minutes of the restart.

It was an unusually subdued display from Brentford who have made a habit of bloodying the noses of Big-Six opponents at the Gtech Community Stadium since earning promotion last year.

Ivan Toney had precious little service to feed off in his first appear-

ance since earning a maiden call-up to England's squad for the Nations League fixtures against Italy and Germany. The striker's best moment came when he flicked the ball up and

volleyed fractionally over from an inventive free-kick routine.

With 10 minutes to go, Toney thought he had earned his side a penalty after being fouled only



### Nwaneri is youngest debutant

Fifteen-year-old Ethan Nwaneri (pictured with Gunners goal-keeper Aaron Ramsdale) became the youngest player in Premier League history when he came on as a substitute for Fabio Vieira in the second minute of stoppage time, the first player under 16 to play in the competition.

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**Brentford****Arsenal**

**Substitutions:** Brentford Damsgaard (Dasilva, 63), Onyeaka (Janelt, 63), Baptiste (Jensen, 69), Wissa (Mbeumo, 76); Arsenal Sambi Lokonga (Partey, 78), Nketiah (Martinelli, 78), Tomiyasu (White, 86), Nwaneri (Vieira, 90), Oliveira Alencar (Saka, 90). **Booked:** Arsenal Xhaka, Jesus. **Man of the match:** Jesus. **Match rating:** 7/10. **Possession:** Brentford 36% Arsenal 64%. **Attempts on target:** Brentford 2 Arsenal 7. **Referee:** D Coote (Nottinghamshire).

for the linesman to intervene and flag him offside from Mikkel Damsgaard's cross.

The scoreline could have been more emphatic for the visitors were it not for the efforts of Raya, who denied Saka a fourth goal with a save on the stretch, while Damsgaard had Brentford's clearest chance but was kept out by Aaron Ramsdale.

There was still time for some history to be made too as Mikel Arteta introduced academy prospect Ethan Nwaneri as a substitute, the teenager becoming the Premier League's youngest-ever player at the age of 15 years and 181 days old.

Nwaneri broke a record set by Liverpool's Harvey Elliott, who was 16 years and 30 days old when he played for former club Fulham against Wolves in May 2019.

"Trust me it's better not to tell them, just throw them in and see what happens!" Arteta joked afterwards. "If you are on that bench you have to be ready and the boy has that look in his eyes, he's ready."

When pressed on what he said to the teenager before his 91st-minute introduction, Arteta said: "Congratulations and enjoy it."

**Premier League table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Arsenal</b>	7	6	0	1	17	7	<b>18</b>
<b>Man City</b>	7	5	2	0	23	6	<b>17</b>
<b>Tottenham</b>	7	5	2	0	18	7	<b>17</b>
<b>Brighton</b>	6	4	1	1	11	5	<b>13</b>
<b>Man Utd</b>	6	4	0	2	8	8	<b>12</b>
<b>Fulham</b>	7	3	2	2	12	11	<b>11</b>
<b>Chelsea</b>	6	3	1	2	8	9	<b>10</b>
<b>Liverpool</b>	6	2	3	1	15	6	<b>9</b>
<b>Brentford</b>	7	2	3	2	15	12	<b>9</b>
<b>Newcastle</b>	7	1	5	1	8	7	<b>8</b>
<b>Leeds</b>	6	2	2	2	10	10	<b>8</b>
<b>Bournemouth</b>	7	2	2	3	6	19	<b>8</b>
<b>Everton</b>	7	1	4	2	5	6	<b>7</b>
<b>South</b>	7	2	1	4	7	11	<b>7</b>
<b>Aston Villa</b>	7	2	1	4	6	10	<b>7</b>
<b>Crystal Palace</b>	6	1	3	2	7	9	<b>6</b>
<b>Wolves</b>	7	1	3	3	3	7	<b>6</b>
<b>West Ham</b>	7	1	1	5	3	9	<b>4</b>
<b>Nottingham Forest</b>	7	1	1	5	6	17	<b>4</b>
<b>Leicester</b>	7	0	1	6	10	22	<b>1</b>

# Toney given taste of what's to come against Italy and Germany

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**T**hat's one way to cancel a tweet. Ivan Toney was a hostage to fortune the moment he pressed send to celebrate last season's opening day victory over Arsenal. Thirteen months on Toney and his Brentford teammates met a vengeful opponent that delighted in inverting the experience. This was anything but "a nice kick about with the boys" and for Toney the discomfort was exacerbated by a first call-up to the England squad that placed a premium on his performance.

Brentford were three down inside an hour as Arsenal returned to the top of the Premier League with a display that oozed style and authority. Toney was not alone in failing to impose himself, but as the man of the moment the England spotlight inevitably singled him out for special attention.

While the outcome was notionally in the balance Toney (below) disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle framed by Gabriel, William Saliba and Thomas Partey, a towering trio that swallowed him whole. Had Toney been supplied by an opposing triangle of, say, Phil Foden, Bernardo Silva and Kevin De Bruyne, he might have had a presence in the game, if not quite to the degree of Erling Haaland.

Or had he been feeding on the quality of cross that provided Gabriel Jesus with the opportunity to double Arsenal's advantage he may have gained prominence. Jesus duly inverted convention by falling to his knees to pay polished tribute to the left boot of Granit Xhaka in gratitude for his pinpoint delivery.

The current reference point for centre forward play is, of course, Haaland. In the absence of the golden supply chain from which he benefits it is incumbent on Toney to forage more, to find space, to gain possession in unfamiliar positions in the manner, perhaps, of England skipper Harry Kane.

Somewhere in between the schools of Haaland and Kane sits Jesus, who terrorises with his eel-like movement, pace and energy, always at defenders. Toney has settled well into his second season as a Premier League footballer, the hat-trick against Leeds United in the previous home game seemingly rubber-stamping the approval of Gareth Southgate's England selection panel.

Here he was faced with a higher degree of organisation, commitment and flair than that offered by Leeds, the kind he might expect to face against Italy or Germany. The ball moves more quickly in rarefied company and space is harder to find. Toney is 26-years-old. This is not an apprenticeship. To prevail he must deliver from the outset. There are rarely second chances.

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Barry Fry, Peterborough's director of football who rescued Toney from the wasteland of Newcastle, lavishes his old boy with typical hyperbolic platitudes. He can't believe Manchester United didn't sink millions on him in the summer. Manchester United

struggled similarly to get the ball off Arsenal for an hour at Old Trafford but they had Marcus Rashford hinting at a meaningful return to form. Toney does not have Rashford's pace nor his hinterland and will have to stir himself to greater heights than this if he is to resist the United striker's revival before the World Cup squad is finalised.

There was a snapshot before half time when he flicked the ball on, Haaland-like, to the advancing Rico Henry, and later in the same passage of play found Bryan Mbuemo with a raking cross. The 49 goals he scored for Peterborough in 94 games the 52 netted for Brentford in 97 are evidence of a tidy marksman. Then question is can he find next-level nets with the same frequency?

A minute's silence for the late Queen Elizabeth II at the start of the game was observed with due deference. It was followed by a rendition of God Save the King, which still jars somewhat after 70 years of homage to a queen. Arsenal paid their own tribute with a display full of aristocratic if not regal pretensions, topped by a goal from Fabio Vieira on his first Premier League start that suggests the £34m signing could prove as influential as fellow newbies Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko.



Neal Maupay scored his first Everton goal having joined from Brighton GETTY

## Moyes 'let down' as Maupay fires winner

**EVERTON**  
Maupay 53

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By Ian Whittell  
AT GOODISON PARK

Neal Maupay's first goal for Everton was enough to secure a first win of the season for Frank Lampard at a boisterous Goodison Park although his opposite number David Moyes was left contemplating a very different mood over the coming international break.

Defeat – West Ham's fifth of the campaign and 11th in their last 18 league games dating back to last season – means Moyes's side will enter October languishing in the bottom three.

With Europa Conference League fixtures having already added to West Ham's workload, and provided not always welcome distractions,

this was not a game Moyes could afford to lose.

And the veteran manager was left unimpressed by the efforts of some of his long-standing, established stars. "We had a game on Thursday night, so you have to take that into consideration as well, and we are trying to put new players in, get the best out of them and find out a bit about them," said Moyes.

"But today I found out little bits, mainly about the players I already knew about. They were the players in the main who let me down today with their play overall.

"We felt we were dipping down a bit last season, I probably recognised it in February time, that we weren't quite as strong.

"But we got to a European semi-final and we were challenging for the top six until the last 20 minutes of the Premier League season so we weren't dipping that far.

"I just sensed we needed new players and a lot of those players played today and I need them."

In contrast, Lampard's current mood was summed up on the whistle when he made a bee-line for his goalscorer and shared a long embrace – a simple gesture that reflected the importance of the win.

Maupay struck after 53 minutes, and following an instantly forgettable first half, when Alex Iwobi played a short, sharp pass that eluded Declan Rice and allowed the striker to take a tidy controlling touch.

The ball sat up nicely for the Frenchman, a Lampard signing who arrived at Goodison late in the summer window, and, with Jan Thilo Kehrer failing to close him down, Maupay's half-volley flew past Lukasz Fabianski from 16 yards.

It was Maupay's first goal since February, a run of 12 games without one, and could not have been better timed for player and club alike.

"We brought him in for that reason, he's a proven Premier League scorer," said Lampard.

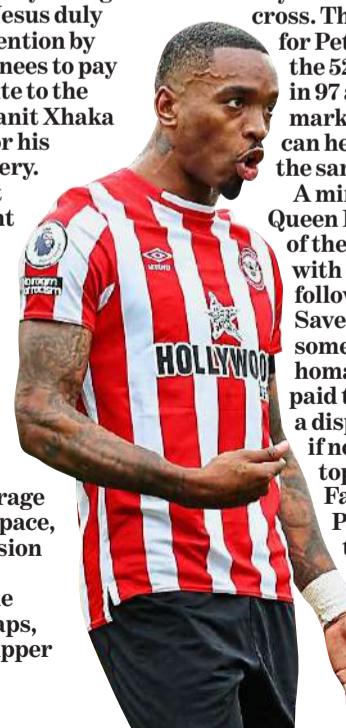
"We've had to play wingers as number nine and play with false nines and there were times in games with that bit of clinical finishing, we would have got more points."

"Without a goalscorer you have to find other ways but he now gives us another dimension and we've added a lot in the dressing room."



### West Ham United

**Substitutions:** West Ham Gordon (McNeil, 75), Doucouré (Gray, 81), Rondon (Maupay, 89); West Ham Cornet (Lucas Paqueta, 62), Benrahma (Fornals, 62), Scamacca (Antonio, 70), Emerson (Cresswell, 90). **Booked:** West Ham Coady, Gordon, McNeil; West Ham Scamacca. **Man of the match:** Gueye. **Match rating:** 5/10. **Possession:** West Ham 53% West Ham 47%. **Attempts on target:** West Ham 2 West Ham 4. **Referee:** M Oliver (Northumberland). Att 39,298.



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